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Work together to uphold the spirit of Constitution: Murmu

At event marking 75 years of Constitution's adoption, President urges executive, legislature, and judiciary to unite for public welfare; Vice-President cautions against placing 'creed above country', and asks institutions to stick to 'jurisdictional area'

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu unveils a commemorative coin on the occasion of Constitution Day on Tuesday. ANI

The Indian Constitution is a progressive document, and it is the responsibility of the executive, legislature and the judiciary to work together to better the lives of the common people in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution, President Droupadi Murmu said on Tuesday at an event to commemorate 75 years of the adoption of the Constitution.

Speaking at the event held at the historic Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan (old Parliament building), Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar made a veiled attack on the Opposition. Invoking Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, he said the country's "independence will be put in jeopardy a second time" if parties placed creed above country.

Stressing the separation of powers between the three organs of the state – executive, legislature and judiciary – Mr. Dhankhar said democracy functions best when the Constitutional institutions worked in tandem, adhering to their "jurisdictional area".

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla urged members to follow the tradition of constructive and dignified debates, set by the Constituent Assembly, in both Houses of Parliament.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha Harivansh, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Rajya Sabha J.P. Nadda and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju were seated on the dais.

During her speech, Ms. Murmu said that the fundamental duties of every citizen of the country had been clearly defined, laying stress on the nation's unity and integrity, promoting harmony in society, ensuring the dignity of women, protecting the environment, developing a scientific temper and safeguarding public property among others.

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Constitution will live on with a 'nation first' spirit: PM

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The spirit of "nation first" will keep alive the Constitution for centuries to come, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday. At an event at the Supreme Court, he described the Constitution as a "living stream" that has lived up to the needs and expectations of the country, including the challenge of Emergency in 1975.

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Shinde quits as CM; succession row puts off govt. formation

Ajit Pawar, Eknath Shinde, and Devendra Fadnavis meet Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai on Tuesday. ANI

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

Differences over the Chief Minister's post has further delayed the formation of a new government in Maharashtra. As the current Assembly's term came to an end on Tuesday, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, accompanied by his deputies, Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar, submitted his resignation to Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan at the Raj Bhavan.

The Governor accepted Mr. Shinde's resignation, and asked him to serve as the caretaker Chief Minister until a new Cabinet was sworn in.

"The Chief Minister tendered the resignation of his post and that of his Cabinet to the Governor on this occasion. The Governor has asked the Chief Minister to continue to hold the charge of his post till alternate arrangements are made," the Raj Bhavan said.

The Mahayuti's decision on the new Chief Minister is likely to take more time, and will happen only after a collective consultation with the central leadership, sources indicated to *The Hindu*.

MVA charge

The Maha Vikas Aghadi, which lost the election, has alleged that the pattern of victory of some Mahayuti candidates has been "inexplicably similar". Nationalist Congress Party (SP) chief Sharad Pawar is likely to appoint lawyers to look into the concerns raised by his party leaders. "Our party wants to question the validity of EVMs. With all the confusion, the data will be consolidated at a central level and it will be guided by some lawyers," NCP(SP) MLA Rohit Pawar told *The Hindu*.

Impasse on naming CM

The impasse over selecting Maharashtra's next Chief Minister continued for the third consecutive day on Tuesday, with uncertainty lingering over whether Mr. Shinde would retain his position or whether the Mr. Fadnavis of the BJP would assume the role.

In the Assembly election, the Mahayuti coalition – comprising the BJP, the Shiv Sena, led by Mr. Shinde, and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), led by Mr. Ajit Pawar – secured a commanding 230 seats in the 288-member Assembly. Of this tally, the BJP won 132 seats, the Shiv Sena 57, and the NCP 41.

Deliberations are still going on within the alliance to determine who will occupy the Chief Minister's office on the sixth floor of Mantralaya here.

The prolonged decision-making process has fuelled speculation about potential power-sharing agreements among the alliance partners.

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6 killed as Imran Khan's supporters take to Islamabad

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

Supporters seeking the release of imprisoned former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan broke through a ring of shipping containers blocking off the capital on Tuesday, and battled security forces despite a government threat to respond with gunfire. Six people have died in the violence.

Thousands of security forces have poured into central Islamabad in an attempt to quell protests that have gripped the capital since Sunday. Mr. Khan has been in jail for over a year and faces over 150 criminal cases that his party says are politically motivated.

Authorities say only courts can order the release of Mr. Khan, who was ousted in 2022 through a no-confidence vote in Parliament. He has been imprisoned since his first conviction in a graft case, in August 2023.

On Tuesday, Pakistan's Army took control of D-Chowk, a large square in downtown Islamabad's Red Zone, which houses key government buildings and is where visiting Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko is staying. Paramilitary rangers and police were also out in force and some fired warning shots into the air. Still, Mr. Khan's wife, Bushra Bibi, who is leading the protests, made slow progress toward the square in a heavily guarded convoy, surrounded by well-wishers.

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Tension mounts: Policemen fire tear gas shells to disperse supporters of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party during a protest in the Red Zone area in Islamabad on Tuesday. AFP

Impose higher penalty on dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets: HC to BBMP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to amend its bylaw to impose higher penalty on dog owners who breach norms of cleanliness and are found conducting themselves irresponsibly in treating and cleaning the excrement of their pets in public parks and precincts across the city.

Clean environment

"While the pet owners have the liberty to take their dogs to the parks, the other section of society who visit the parks have a right to enjoy clean environment," the court observed.

Also, the court said the menace of stray dogs within the area of gardens and parks have to be tackled as they pose a threat to the free and safe movement of people.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice K.V. Aravind passed the order while issuing a series of directions in addition to the guidelines issued by the State government and the BBMP on management and maintenance of public parks, including dos and don'ts for dog owners inside and in the vicinity of parks.

The directions were issued while disposing of a PIL petition, filed in 2021, by Compassion Unlimited Plus Action, a NGO, seeking directions to authorities to effectively implement Solid Waste Management laws and mandating pet owners to carry biodegradable poop bags in parks, etc.

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Deep depression over the Bay of Bengal likely to intensify into cyclonic storm; alerts issued

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) here said on Tuesday that a deep depression over the southwest Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm on Wednesday.

On 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the system, which had developed from a depression, moved north-northwestwards at a speed of 8 kmph and lay centred about 240 km southeast of Trincomalee, 520 km south-southeast of Nagapattinam, 640 km south-southeast of Puducherry, and 720 km south-southeast of Chennai.

The storm is likely to continue to move north-northwestwards towards the Tamil Nadu coast, skirting the Sri Lanka coast during the next two days.

S. Balachandran, Additional Director-General of Meteorology, RMC, said that a continuous watch was being kept on the movement and intensity of the system.

Rain forecast

For Wednesday, the forecast is light to moderate rain at many places. Thunderstorm and lightning are likely at one or two places in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal.

Heavy to very heavy rain in a few places, with extremely heavy rain at one or two places, is likely in Cuddalore and Mayiladuthurai districts and the Karaikal area where a red alert has been issued.

Heavy rain and gusty winds lashed Pamban in Ramanathapuram district on Tuesday as the region braced for a storm. L. BALACHANDAR

The RMC has issued an orange alert for Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Ariyalur, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Pudukkottai districts, and Puducherry where heavy to very heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places on Wednesday.

Though the path of the system has been given for two days, the landfall point is not yet known.

Senior meteorologist Y.E.A. Raj said the place of crossing is likely to be known by Wednesday evening.

"We are watching a few models but there is a lot of divergence in the forecasts given by them. One model even suggests that the system will split into two. As of now, we can expect good rainfall over the next few days," Mr. Raj explained.

From 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nagapattinam recorded a rainfall of 12.6 cm, Cuddalore 6.7 cm, Adiramapattinam 6.4 cm, Nungambakkam 4.1 cm, Ennore port 7 cm, Mamallapuram 6.8 cm, VIT Chennai campus 3.1 cm, NIOT in Pallikaranai 7.7 cm, Taramani 6.5cm, Puzhal 6.1 cm, Manalmedu in Mayiladuthurai 5.7 cm and Anna University, Chennai 5.1 cm.

‘Young players believe they can be the best’

If you see those who are doing well now, they did not start doing well all of a sudden. A lot of hard work has been happening in the past one decade for these kids

INTERVIEW

R.B. RAMESH

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

At the second edition of the Chennai Grandmasters classical chess tournament, R.B. Ramesh spoke about whether the current crop of talented young Indian chess players are the country’s best ever, what sets apart the present batch, and what could be done to sustain India’s dominance in chess. *Excerpts:*

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

This tournament has seemingly become an annual fixture now. How excited are you seeing a tournament like this being organised?

You are going to get at least equal or higher-rated opponents. That’s very good for our Indian players, especially for the young players. And having the Challenger section added, it’s a very good idea. So, I congratulate Srinath (Srinath Narayanan, tournament director), MGD1 group, and the Tamil Nadu government for supporting this initiative.

Because of this, Gukesh got a chance to qualify for the Candidates (2024). And this year, Arjun (Erigaisi) has crossed 2800. So, a very good initiative.

Considering the depth and strength of the Indian chess now, are you surprised that you don’t see tournaments like this more often?

I remember, probably 20 years ago, I posted on *Facebook* that we need such tournaments. I mean when I was a kid, we had this need, and we still have this need. This, is at least something. Maybe, we have met 10% of what is actually required. The players are doing their part by performance. So, it’s time for others to pitch in as well and play their role. We need more organisers taking such initiatives. We need more corporates and State governments to pitch in and organise tournaments in respective States. We need such tournaments. Probably, three or four more in other States.

Arjun Erigaisi has become only the second Indian to cross the 2800 Elo mark and risen to World No. 2 in the live ratings. What are your thoughts on how he’s evolved as a chess player?

Till the pandemic, the world did not know who Arjun Erigaisi was. And during the pandemic, he played many online tournaments and did well. But even then, it was dismissed as (performances in) online tournaments. Then, after the pandemic, both he and Gukesh have risen very rapidly.

So, phenomenal rise and fantastic talent. More importantly, more than talent, it’s his attitude that I appreciate and like very much.

He believes in himself, (has) very less self-doubts, and he believes he can beat any player in the World! It’s very important to have that kind of belief firmly implanted in your mind. He must be extremely hard-working as well. Very good asset for India. At least, for a couple of decades, I’m sure he will be at the top.

As a chess trainer, what do you think is remarkable about him?

I’ve not worked with him personally. But I know him only from his performance and his games. So, he takes a lot of risk to play for the win.

Most players, when they rise to the top, at some point, they could get that feeling of satisfaction setting in. And then, you might start believing like you have achieved your peak. Because, you suddenly start making more money, you start getting more attention from the media and the public.

All this can have a dampening effect on your motivations and ambitions. But that is not the case with him. He’s able to deal with all this in a matured way. He doesn’t get carried away by these things. And that keeps him hungry. That is very important. Once you feel your hunger is satisfied, the brakes are already on.

So, I just wish he will remain this way and hopefully beat (surpass) Magnus’ (Magnus Carlsen’s) highest rating (2882). I think that’s what this youngster should keep as a target, not the World Championship. Because, that (Carlsen’s peak rating) is very much possible within their reach now. So, it’s time to raise the bar higher.

With the emergence of so many talented young chess players, do you think this is the best crop we’ve ever had?

We now have many top-10s from India. So, obviously this is the best crop, but it should not be the best crop in the future as well.

If you see all these players who are doing well now, they did not start doing well all of a sudden. A lot of hard work has been happening in the last one decade for these kids. So, that should be an ongoing process.

What mistake most countries did, or almost all countries in the World did, is when they got one good crop, they felt like they had the golden goose. And you were just expecting a golden egg every day. You ignore the basics.

We should not go the same path. Because, all these players did not come up because of the system. They came up despite the system. And the system is still the same. So, whatever issues were there 20-30 years ago, most of the issues are still very much there. We have to start addressing those issues.

There aren’t many good tournaments in India. Most of the tournaments are with very high participation in terms of numbers. Numerically, you will get a lot of players participating. But that is the worst way to organise a tournament. You need to have lesser number of players, but good-quality players. That is a good environment for players to grow. You don’t grow by playing against weaker opposition.

You need to play stronger and stronger opposition to grow faster. Such tournaments are not there in India. I don’t even remember one tournament. This tournament is there. But we need open tournaments as well, where the minimum rating should be at least 2200. So, players below 2200 should not be able to participate. And if we have around 10 tournaments like that in India, or at least 6 tournaments in a year, then our players don’t have to travel to Europe all the time.

If you ask all these players who are playing here in the Challengers and Masters, when was the last time they played in India, they really have to say, ‘Maybe, five or eight years ago.’ So, they don’t play in India at all. We can’t see Indian top players playing in India. That’s not happening at all. That’s a sad scenario.

And also, the training opportunities. Now, we have a lot of good coaches in many parts of the country. But everyone is having their own academies and clubs. They are working with a few children. And there is no way a child who’s not within the nearby geographical location of the coach, will have access to quality training.

Despite the online coaching available, it’s good to work in person with the trainers. So, we have to create a system where talented young children are identified at the right time, and good training facilities are provided to them so that they’re able to evolve faster. And also have good, strong open tournaments. I think both these are very much missing currently. And if these two issues are addressed, I think this will not be the last crop.

What sets the current batch of players apart from their predecessors?

I think this generation - I’m talking about Arjun, Pragg (Praggnanandhaa), Gukesh, all these kids - they are believing in themselves. They believe they can be the best.

So, that’s the main difference. Earlier generations had doubts because of various constraints - lack of training, infrastructure, participation in good tournaments and so on.

Things started getting better and better with each generation. I think a few turning points are like, both Pragg and Gukesh, they became the World’s youngest International Masters in a matter of few months.

Pragg did it at the age of 10. He was the youngest to become an International Master from India. And I think that was what gave that generation (the belief) that I can be the best in the World.

And within a few months, Gukesh broke that record. Then in a couple of years, Pragg became the World’s second youngest Grand Master at the age of 12. And then, Gukesh broke that record in a few months, and so on.

So, at a very young age, these two, they did some incredibly difficult things. They broke many barriers. And that gave a lot of confidence to that generation. Now, the younger generation are dreaming like I should break Gukesh’s record and so on. So, they have shown the way that it’s possible for Indians to do this.

What are your thoughts on the World Championship match between Gukesh and Ding Liren?

The match may not last the full distance. We may most likely have the youngest World champion in less than a month.

Obviously, there has been a boom in chess in India. You see a lot of players playing professionally. We have grown as a chess-playing nation and even become a superpower. Even earlier, Viswanathan Anand became an icon and because of him chess attained a better status in India, but this boom now is something else, right? So, If you can shortly tell me what factors have contributed to it...

I think it didn’t happen overnight. It’s a gradual evolution. A lot of things were contributing for us to have reached where we are now.

One good thing we’ve done is that we’ve had age category tournaments regularly every year. Like, u-8, 10, 12, 14, and so on. We have age category tournaments for both boys and girls separately.

We have the District championships, State championships, and National championships. We have this qualification process. This is not happening all around the world. So, that is one contributing factor.

And I remember that 2014 was an important year, because India won six medals in the World Youth Championship.

At that time, Russia got three medals in all. So, that was a very important turning point. Because, we knew that among the young chess-playing population, India was doing very well. And all those children who won medals, they are all very strong players now, achieving big things at a young age.

We have many academies and clubs where children are able to train regularly with good coaches. So now, more training possibilities are there.

And the other thing is, earlier, till some point, if you become an International Master, you used to get jobs in banks and Railways. So, you had some financial security. Because, most chess players, if they are to be good, it has to be at the cost of education. You are not going to school every day. Many are not going to universities and so on. If they don’t succeed as a player, then their future will be a question mark. So, we had the public sectors like banks and Railways earlier giving jobs, but they were very low-paying jobs.

And then, there came the oil sector, which was very high-paying compared to the existing standards. During that generation, most of the top players like Koneru Humpy, [Dronavalli] Harika, Sasikiran, [Surya Shekhar] Ganguly and so on, they all got jobs in the oil sector. So, that gave some kind of respectability and security for young players to take up chess.

Now, that era is over. Players are not looking for a job anymore. They are trying to be professionals, make a living out of chess. And there are other avenues opening up. You can become an organiser. You can become a streamer. You can be an influencer, write books, do chessable video courses, and so on. You can become arbiters and coaches.

There is not much point playing to make a living if you are not very strong. Financially, it doesn’t make sense to be a player. So, those who realise they cannot become very top players, are becoming coaches and so on.

We have more coaches now who are very young. And if they do a good job now, we will have the next crop coming in, because there are more good coaches available. So, I hope that is also one reason.

And mainly, the confidence. The confidence of Indian players is at its peak. The young players believe they can beat anyone, that they can be the best. We’ve shown in the Olympiad and numerous other tournaments.

And now, we can see that the Tamil Nadu government sponsored the Olympiad last year. They have added a Challengers section (to the Chennai Grandmasters) as well now. We have the Global Chess League. Mahindra has put in the money. So, more private sponsors are coming into chess, and we have State governments as well. Some State governments are putting the money in chess. So, all the factors are contributing together, I would say.

If Gukesh does win the title and with the other sort of talents that India has, do you think that in the immediate future there would be an Indian-versus-Indian World Championship match?

There’s a good chance that in the future two Indians will be playing for the World Championship. Just like it happened in the Soviet era times. Most of the World champions are from the Soviet era times. They had a total domination. But they had reasons for total domination.

Most of the countries were not interested in chess. There was no internet. So, most of the learnings were kept secret, and most of it was in Russian language. And most of the important tournaments were happening in Russia, and so on.

But now, it’s more democratised. Like, in many countries, tournaments are happening in all languages. You can get chess literature, trainers, access to tournaments.

Everything is available for everyone. And despite all that, one important quality – I work with a lot of US and European kids as well – the Indians have is that we still have that hard-working ability alive in us. And I just hope the subsequent generations will not lose it.

Because, what usually happens is, as the society becomes rich economically and most comforts are available, the subsequent generations will not feel the motivation to strain themselves too much. They want to have a comfortable life. So, for them, every small thing which will require a bit more effort becomes strenuous and they don’t want to do it. This is what’s happening in other economically rich societies.

The children, they simply don’t want to strain themselves. And that is what is helping India. We are not rich yet. We are not very poor yet. So, we are very hungry. I believe for the next 10-20 years, we will have this hard-working ability still there in Indian standards. And we have to take maximum advantage of it.

Water tariff hike seems imminent as World Bank insists on making BWSSB creditworthy

Karnataka has sought ₹3,500-cr. loan from World Bank for flood management, construction of storm-water drains, and improving water supply

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Hike in drinking water tariff in Bengaluru city seems to be on the way as the World Bank has hinted at the necessity of increasing the tariff for providing a $426 million (₹3,500 crore) loan to the State government for management of floods, construction of storm-water drains, improving drinking water supply, and developing other infrastructure in the city.

The government has sought the loan for implementing the Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme, which would be largely implemented by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB).

The bank's programme appraisal document on a proposed loan said BWSSB's water tariff was revised in 2014, and around 70% of BWSSB's revenue was used to cover electricity bills. It stressed the necessity of "laying the financial foundation for a water secure and resilient city by moving BWSSB towards creditworthiness".

Apparently suggesting to the government to hike water tariff, the bank said "the water tariff has not been adjusted for inflation or the increasing price of energy for a decade".

On a couple of occasions, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Bengaluru Development portfolio, said an increase in water tariffs was inevitable as the BWSSB was facing financial crisis.

The bank said "in a city where every drop counts, there are also huge water savings opportunities in reducing non-revenue water (NRW), which stands around 27% for Bengaluru". Of the 10,995 public borewells, water levels in 4,900 of them have decreased or dried up, it said.

Of the 10,995 public borewells, water levels in 4,900 have decreased or dried up, the World Bank has said. FILE PHOTO

Project cost

The total project cost would be $606 million (₹5,000 crore). While the State would contribute $180 million, the bank would grant a loan of $426 million for the five-year project (2026-31). Under the proposed project, BWSSB will construct nine sewage treatment plants (₹600 crore) and 400 km of server network line (₹400 crore). The BBMP will construct 173-km storm-water retaining walls (₹1,600 crore) and fortifying 80-km old storm-water walls (₹400 crore). The rest of the amount would be allocated to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre and Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority of the Revenue Department, which is the nodal agency for the project.

With regard to the water tariff hike, the bank noted that "even though the State leadership is committed to reforms, efforts on tariff adjustment for cost recovery may face resistance from within the government system and users during project implementation".

The bank said "the existing 5,000-km of old pipes needing replacement remains unfinanced". "There is a need for mindset change to optimise operational efficiencies with new incentive structures and performance benchmarking around operation and maintenance," it said.

Noting that the city has been facing the rising challenge of frequent flood-induced disruptions and economic losses, the bank said "1,167 flood events between 2013 and 2020, and 372 flood hotspots have been identified".

The flood prone area accounts for 19% of the city's total built settlement which was significant given that the share of built-up area increased from 37% in 2002 to 93% in 2020, it said.

Drop loan proposal, say RTI activists

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

RTI activists S. Amaresh and B.H. Veeresh of the Mahiti Hakku Adhdyayana Kendra have opposed the borrowings from the World Bank and alleged that BBMP has executed sub-standard work causing misappropriation of more than ₹1,500 crore by indulging in corruption.

In a letter to Rashmi Mahesh, Principal Secretary, Revenue Department; Manisha Sinha, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs of the Centre; and the World Bank's Regional Director, India, said that "BBMP and BWSSB are already facing severe financial crises due to huge borrowings from various agencies and urged the bank to drop the loan proposal".

The audit report of the BBMP conducted by the State Audit Department indicated cumulative financial irregularity of hundreds of crores of rupees and also indicated recovery funds from officials and contractors.

HC denies bail for third time to founder of Guru Raghavendra bank

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has rejected the third petition for bail filed by 73-year-old K. Ramakrishna, founder and president of Sri Guru Raghavendra Cooperative Bank, in the money laundering case registered against him by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with the alleged misappropriation of ₹1,544 crore fund of the bank.

Also, the court made it clear that he is not entitled to the benefit of the provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, which prescribes a maximum period for which an undertrial prisoner can be detained and allows the prisoner's release on bail if he/she had undergone one-half of the maximum period of imprisonment specified for the offences (except those attracting death or life imprisonment) alleged against the undertial prisoner.

Justice H.P. Sandesh, in his order, has pointed that the benefit of Section 479 of the BNSS, which prescribes maximum period for which an undertrial prisoner can be detained, is not applicable to the petitioner as two separate cases – one under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, and another under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act – are pending against him. There is a bar in Section 479 itself for release on bail when there are multiple cases against undertrials, the court said.

Architect of the fraud

Noticing that the apex court too had upheld the dismissal of his two earlier petitions for grant of bail, the High Court noted that the petitioner is facing the allegation of being the architect of the fraud and committed fraud to the tune of ₹1,554 crore by creating fictitious documents and creating fake deposits. The High Court also noted that Mr. Ramakrishna had granted loans in favour of 24 fictitious persons and the misappropriated sum in these 24 loan accounts itself was around ₹900 crore.

Crypto trader loses ₹46 lakh to scamsters

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

A 24-year-old cryptocurrency trader lost tether coins worth ₹46 lakh after he was cheated by three persons claiming to be buyers of crypto coins in exchange for Indian currency. An FIR has been registered at the CEN police station.

The victim identified as Manu Rashid was approached by accused Shafi China, Shahabaz M.P.C., and Fazil through Binance, said to be one of the largest cryptocurrency exchanges. Manu invited them for trading discussion. Manu runs a trading company identified as Shri Ram Digital Assets and Services and his brother Mohammad Shanu is also part of the company.

The victim was approached by the accused through Binance, said to be one of the largest cryptocurrency exchanges. FILE PHOTO

After discussion, the accused offered to buy about 6,000 tether coins and paid more than ₹5 lakh in cash. The value of one tether is ₹84.35 in present day's market. The brothers developed confidence in the accused as the money was paid to them. Later, they asked for 49,830 tether coins. The coins were transferred to the accused's Binance account. The transfer was made in multiple transactions between July 4 and July 15. After a large number of coins were transferred, they scammed the company.

"In the beginning, we did not approach the police as we wanted to settle the matter through compromise. The FIR was registered only in November. In July, the total value of the coins was ₹46,84,088." Mohammad, explaining the fraud, said as the accused were referred by a known person through Binance and because they made the initial payment promptly, they trusted them.

Mohammad said the accused were available on call in the beginning but later went incommunicado. "As the accused were not reachable, we decided to file a complaint with police," he said.

Mohammad further said that he and his brother have been doing cryptocurrency trading for the past many years and even have a company in Dubai.

Scientists at Raman Research Institute discover veil of fiery gas around Milky Way

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Scientists at the Raman Research Institute (RRI) along with their collaborators in a study have revealed the mysterious sources that have pumped heat and kept alive the fiery hot gas around the disc of the Milky Way.

RRI scientists, along with their collaborators at IIT-Palakkad and Ohio State University, have detailed the mysterious source through their proposed model in two related studies.

According to the Department of Science and Technology a few decades ago, studies established the presence of gaseous matter surrounding our galaxy, the Milky Way.

"It was found that the galaxy was surrounded by a large sphere of gas which was a few million degrees Kelvin. This sphere of gas extended to 700 thousand light years. Such high temperatures, researchers said, could be associated with the gravity of the Milky Way, as atoms would have to constantly swirl around in order to rescue itself from falling prey to the galaxy's strong gravity," it said.

But what further intrigued the scientific community, in the more recent years, was the discovery of gaseous matter which was even hotter than what was known previously.

"This latest discovered gaseous matter was pitched to be around ten million degrees Kelvin. Faint X-ray emissions were found in all directions of the Milky Way that bore a strong signature of a super-hot gas. At the same time, this gas also showed up in the spectra of at least three distant quasars, as an absorbing medium," it added.

A keenly studied research area emerged, and, since then, astronomers have been trying to find clues and links to the sources that was pumping heat and keeping alive the fiery hot gas.

Now the RRI team and their collaborators have confirmed that the gas responsible for emitting and absorbing the signals detected by astronomers are not the same.

Instead, the X-ray emitting hot gas was caused by a puffed-up region around the stellar disc of the Milky Way. Since there is a continuous on-going star formation at various regions across the disk of the Milky Way, the massive stars in these regions explode as supernovae, and heat the gas around the disk to high temperatures.

"As such, explosions keep heating up the gas floating around the disc of the Milky Way and they enrich the gaseous matter with elements synthesized within massive stars," said Mukesh Singh Bisht, PhD student at RRI.

Darshan was falsely implicated, says lawyer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police have falsely implicated actor Darshan with concocted *panchnamas* against him to show that certain objects used to torture the victim, Renukaswamy, were recovered at his behest, his advocate argued before the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday while seeking the actor's enlargement on regular bail.

Advocate C.V. Nagesh claimed that though the police were aware of the scene of the alleged crime being a shed in Rajarajeshwarinagar before arresting Darshan, they tried to show as if they recovered the objects used for torturing victims only after his arrest. Mr. Nagesh also claimed that the evidence is clear that the victim was not kidnapped, but he had voluntarily come to Bengaluru, and the shifting of the body of the victim does not indicate that it is destruction of evidence under penal code.

As the Forensic Sciences Laboratory report states that the stains of the blood of the victim were found on one of the shoes of Darshan, he claimed that a bottle of blood of the victim was sent to FSL, and there is a possibility of putting a drop on the shoes.

Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, who heard the argument on the petition, adjourned till November 28 further hearing on Darshan's petition.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

E-Tender Notice No.: CPMGSU-2024-06 Dated: 21.11.2024

Item of work	Approx. Value
Improvements / Enhancement of Freight maintenance facilities at Harihar (HRR) depot.	Rs. 3,43,03,248.24

E-Tender Notice No.: CPMGSU-2024-07 Dated: 21.11.2024

Item of work	Approx. Value
Interlocking of 14 Nos. of LC gates over Mysuru Division where TVS has exceeded 20000 (Construction of building)	Rs. 2,79,21,401.52

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 13.12.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Project Manager / Gati Shakti Unit / Mysuru

PUB/599/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: B/SG/Proj/SBC/LC-20 Dated: 13.11.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Interlocking of Level Crossing (LC) Gate No. 20 at Km. 23/000-100 between Yelahanka (YNK) - Rajankunte (RNN) in Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 72,76,972.85/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 05.12.2024**

For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Project/Bengaluru

PUB/594/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RCD, ROAD DIVISION, JAMSHEDPUR, JHARKHAND

Very Short e-Procurement Notice
For National Competitive Bidding
(2nd Call)

Very Short e-Tender Reference No. RCD/JAMSHEDPUR/2140 Date- 25.11.2024

1.	Name of the work	Widening & Strengthening / Reconstruction of **(A)** Kitadih Bagbera Ring Road (Length 5.77 km) **(B)** Kitadih Sadar Hospital Road (Length 0.570 km) **(C)** Ghaghidih Jail to Matladih Road (Length 1.41 km) **(D)** Kerwadungri to Jamshedpur Main Road (Length 1.12km) **(E)** Kerwadungri to UCIL Road (Length 2.55km) **(F)** Jaherthan Bhadrudih Football Maidan to Rajnagar Jugsalai Road (Length 1.40 km) **(G)** Tata Hata Main Road Turamdih to Bayangbil Nildungri Road (Length 0.673km) **(H)** Karandih Chowk to Sitla Chowk (Parsudih Main Road) (Length 1.12 km) **Total Length 14.613 km** for the year 2024-25
2.	**Estimated Cost of Work (in INR)**	**Rs** 42,05,00,000.00 (Rupees Forty Two Crore Five Lakh Only)
3.	**Initial Bid Security (Rs In Lacs)**	**Rs 42.10 Lakh (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Ten Thousand only).**
4.	**Initial Bid Security in the shape of**	Initial Bid Security - As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
5.	**Cost of Bidding documents**	**Rs 10,000.00 (Rs Ten Thousand) only.**
6.	**Time of Completion**	**12 (Twelve Months)**
7.	**Date of Publication of Tender on website**	**26.11.2024 at 12.30 P.M.**
8.	**Start date of bidding**	**26.11.2024 from 12.30 P.M.**
9.	**Last date & Time for online bidding**	**10.12.2024 up to 02.00 PM.**
10.	**Type of Bid**	**Two envelope mode (Technical and Financial Bid)**
11.	**Last date & time for receipt of Bid Security and other documents in Online form**	10.12.2024 Through e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
12.	**Date & time for opening of Technical Bid**	**11.12.2024 at 3.00 PM by e-Procurement Cell, Room No. 330A, 3rd floor, Road Construction Department, Jharkhand Mantralaya , Dhurwa , Ranchi**
13.	**Name & address of office Inviting tender**	**Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur, Road No.- 1, CH Area.**
14.	**Contact no. of Procurement officer**	**0657-2227724**
15.	**Helpline number of e-Procurement cell**	**0651-2401010**

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PR 340316 (Road) 24-25 (D)

Executive Engineer
RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

E-Tender Notice No.: Shifting_SandT Cable_9LC Dated: 20.11.2024

Item of work	Approx. Value
Shifting of S & T cable for proposed RUB in lieu of LC No. 73 (Mandya yard), LC No. 74 (Rangepalli yard), LC No. 148 (Hebbal yard), LC No. 152 (Lottegollahalli yard) and ROB in lieu of LC No. 47 (Channarayapattana yard), LC No. 92 (Somanayakanapatti yard), LC No. 120 (Tyakal yard), LC No. 132 (Carmelaram yard) & LC No. 166 (Banagarapet yard) over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 2,43,08,345.90/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 12.12.2024**

E-Tender Notice No.: Prov_TWS_CNPA_ KIGL_CMYstn Dt: 22.11.2024

Item of work	Approx. Value
South Western Railway - Bengaluru Division: Provision of Tower Wagon Siding (TWS) at Channarayapattana, Kunigal & Chintamani stations over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 96,26,173.18/-

Last date for submission of bids : **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 16.12.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Bengaluru

PUB/593/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

[SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 1 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION VIDE COURT ORDER DATED: 14/11/2024]

CMP No. 177/2023

[Video Conferencing / Physcal Hearing]

SMT. B.S. SUSHEELA RAMAMURTHY
REP. BY HER POWER OF ATTORNEY HOLDER MR. PRABHAKAR S
.....PETITIONER/s

Vs

M/s. MAANGALYA VENTURES PVT. LTD
REP BY ITS DIRECTORS
SRI SANJAY SURYNARAYANA AND
SMT. SUMA SRINIVAS
.....RESPONDENT/s

AND OTHERS

RESPONDENT NO. 1

R1. M/s. MAANGALYA VENTURES PVT. LTD. A COMPANY REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT: APARTMENT No. F-1, REDTREE CLASSIC, No. 433/C, 7TH B MAIN, 9TH CROSS, NARAYANANAGAR III BLOCK, DODDAKALLASANDRA POST, OFF KANAKAPURA ROAD, BENGALURU - 560062.
REP. BY ITS DIRECTORS
i. SRI SANJAY SURYANARAYANA AND
ii. SMT. SUMA SRINIVAS

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed a CMP on this Court Under Section 11(5) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, as in the copy annexed hereunto.

Emergent Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you, in this matter on **19/12/2024 AT 10:30 A.M** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the appeal will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court, this **14th Day of November 2024.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गोड्डा

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई– निविदा सूचना संख्या – RWD/SD/GODDA/25/2024-25

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :

क्रम/ ग्रुप सं०	प्रखंड	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
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3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 29.11.2024 से दिनांक 09.12.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, गोड्डा।
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 11.12.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गोड्डा।
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 8340110173
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9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गोड्डा।

PR.NO.340344 Rural Development(24-25):D

Six decades since Thumba launch, slew of private entities prepare for flight

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Pradeep Mohandas

November 21 was 61 years since the birth of the Indian space programme. On this date in 1963, scientists launched a Nike-Apache sounding rocket from Thumba in Kerala. These rockets helped the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) master the solid propellant technology powering India's launch vehicles today. Around the same time as this anniversary, India launched its first satellite onboard a SpaceX rocket even as multiple Indian private sector entities geared up for launches of their own.

Launches of merit

NewSpace India, Ltd. launched the 4,700-kg GSAT-N2/GSAT-20 satellite onboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Florida. N2 wasn't launched onboard an Indian launch vehicle because its weight exceeded the payload capacity of the country's most powerful rocket, the LVM-3, which can place satellites weighing up to four tonnes in the geostationary transfer orbit (GTO). INSAT-1D was the last such satellite launched from Florida, in 1990.

GSAT-N2 is a Ka-band high throughput communication satellite built by ISRO to enhance broadband services in underserved areas, including the northeast, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep. It will also support services like in-flight internet connectivity and the Smart Cities Mission.

The satellite was placed in a GTO with a perigee of 250 km, an apogee of 59,730 km, and at a 27.5°inclination. From here, the satellite will use its thrusters to move to a geostationary orbit at 63° E longitude over the next few days.

Next, ISRO is preparing to launch its PSLV-C59 mission bearing the European Proba-3 mission. The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) will fly in its extended length configuration (XL), which was last used to launch Aditya-L1 in September 2023.

The twin Proba spacecraft to study the Sun arrived in Chennai on November 6 and will be integrated with the launch vehicle. Liftoff is currently scheduled for 4 p.m. IST on December 4.

India's astronaut-designate Shubhanshu Shukla, who is set to fly to the International Space Station in 2025, is undergoing training at the European Space Agency's European Astronaut Centre. This part of the training is to familiarise astronauts-to-be with the European modules of the space station.

From the private sector

Four Indian private companies are preparing to launch their payloads/satellites into orbit.

A Nike-Apache two-stage rocket on its launcher at Thumba, Kerala. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Pixxel, which is Indian-American, unveiled 'Fireflies', its six hyperspectral satellites expected to be launched early next year. Each satellite weighs around 50 kg, has a native 5 m spatial resolution, and scans 40-km swaths for data in more than 150 spectral bands. These satellites constitute the first batch in what is eventually expected to become a constellation of 24 satellites. These satellites are capable of providing data that can help detect crop diseases, water-stressed areas, real-time deforestation, and ocean pollution early.

Second, GalaxEye Space is flying its "It's NOT a Satellite, It's Just a Tech Demo" on board the PSLV's Orbital Experimental Module (POEM) platform. This is when the final stage of a PSLV finishes deploying its payload and enters earth orbit, becoming an orbital platform where onboard instruments can run experiments. The Tech Demo will test subsystems of a synthetic aperture radar (SAR).

PierSight Space will also fly a mission on a PSLV POEM called 'Varuna', which will demonstrate a deployable reflectarray antenna and test SAR and aeronautical information service avionics in orbit.

HEX20 will fly its 'Nila' satellite onboard SpaceX's Transporter 13 mission in February 2025. 'Nila' is a 5-kg cubesat that can host different payloads and provide data-processing services. A ground station will be built in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, to control and receive data from the satellite.

India recently launched its first satellite onboard a SpaceX rocket even as multiple Indian private sector entities geared up for launches of their own

Catalyx Space's SR-0 satellite launched onboard the third developmental flight of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle mission re-entered the earth's atmosphere on November 3. The company announced the satellite had achieved all its objectives in its three-month lifespan.

AAKA Space Studio launched India's first Space Analog Mission in Leh, Ladakh, in collaboration with the ISRO Human Spaceflight Centre, IIT-Bombay, and the University of Ladakh. The site was chosen for its similarity to surfaces on the moon and Mars.

One person from AAKA Space Studio will stay in the habitat in Leh for 21 days to test habitat sustainability, life-support systems, and the human experience of isolation.

SatSure is working with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for "automated image feature extraction models for building footprints, roof type, roads, and water bodies among other classes for more than two lakh villages". This is the Indian government's largest programme to map rural property. Drones under the government's 'Svamvita' programme will capture images of 3-5 cm resolution and SatSure will use its machine-learning tools developed for satellite data to extract and classify the relevant features.

Space science updates

India celebrated its full membership of the Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO), an international effort to build the world's most advanced radio telescope in Australia and South Africa. India will contribute cash as well as advanced electronics and engineering for telescope components in exchange for scientific data collected by the telescope.

The first scientific result from the Visible Emission Line Coronagraph onboard the Aditya-L1 spacecraft was published in the *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

A team led by researchers at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru, used data from the coronagraph to accurately predict the time of a coronal mass ejection on July 16. Coronal mass ejections affect satellites in orbit, electricity grids on the ground, and radio communications when they blow past the planet.

Finally, the Departments of Space and of Biotechnology have signed agreements to conduct biological experiments on the forthcoming Bharatiya Antariksh Station. While researchers will be able to conduct experiments on other missions (including the uncrewed Gaganyaan flights), the agreement pertains to experiments onboard the Indian space station.

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THE GIST

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BIG SHOT

Taking stock: A man looks at the flooded Inca Llojeta area in the aftermath of landslides caused by intense rain and illegal earth movements, in La Paz, Bolivia on Sunday. At least 26 people have been injured and more than 40 houses damaged by the flood. Some 300 military personnel were deployed to help evacuate residents. REUTERS

QUESTION CORNER

The answer is blowin' in the wind

Q: Why do flags flutter in the wind?
A: The fluttering of flags is a dynamic phenomenon involving three forces.
The first one is a constant pulling force due to the rope used to tie the flag to a pole.
The second force on the flag is due to gravity, which acts downwards.
The third force is responsible for fluttering is the wind. This force is not constant, both in magnitude and direction. It can be greater or lesser than the other forces.
The interesting wavelike motion of a flag (made of cloth) results when the wind speed goes above and comes below (in other words, oscillates about) a critical value of the force equal to the flag's weight.
As the force due to the wind speed exceeds the weight, the flag tends to fly, and when it is lower, the flag sags.
Thus the rapid changes in wind speed around the flag results in fluttering.

The wavelike motion of a flag results when the wind speed oscillates about a critical value of the force equal to the flag's weight. FILE PHOTO

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Woman stabbed to death, male friend flees

The victim checked into a serviced apartment at Indiranagar II Stage along with her friend on November 23

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 19-year-old woman from Assam, working in the city, who checked into a serviced apartment at Indiranagar with her male friend three days ago, was found murdered with multiple stab wounds on Tuesday. The friend, who walked out of the apartment on Tuesday morning and is on the run, is suspected to have killed her.

The incident comes close on the heels of two such cases where women from outside the State working in the city were killed by their male friends, leading to concerns over women's safety.

The girl found dead at the serviced apartment on Tuesday has been identified as Maya Gogoi Deka, a native of Guwahati, Assam. She was working as a student counsellor at a private firm facilitating students to study abroad at HSR Layout.

Aarav Hanoy, who hails from Kerala, is on the run

Recent cases

July 23, 2024: Kruthi Kumari, private firm employee, hailing from Bihar was stabbed to death at her PG accommodation in Koramangala. The police arrested Abhishek, ex-boyfriend of the victim's PG roommate, from Madhya Pradesh.

September 21, 2024: Mahalakshmi was murdered and her body chopped into more than 50 pieces and stored in a fridge at her house in the Vyalikaval. The accused, Mukti Ranjan Ray, who fled to his hometown, ended life before the police could catch him.

She checked into The Royal Living serviced apartment at Indiranagar II Stage with Aarav Hanoy, 21, on November 23. Aarav walked out of the facility at 8.19 a.m. on Tuesday, showed CCTV camera footage.

Hours later, staffers at the apartment called the police informing them of a foul smell emanating from the room.

Stab injuries

The police rushed to the facility along with the crime forensic team and broke open the door to find her lying on the bed dead with stab injuries.

D. Devaraj, Deputy Commissioner of Police (East Division), Bengaluru, said the woman's body had multiple stab injuries and a deep stab injury on the chest which could have led to her death. "The body was slightly decomposed, so we suspect that the murder may have happened at least a day before," he said.

Maya Gogoi Deka was working as a student counsellor at a private firm facilitating students to study abroad

"The check-in was in the name of Aarav, who hails from Kerala. He walked out of the facility and his mobile phone was switched off a little later. We are trying to track him down," he said, adding CCTV camera footage shows no one else had entered the apartment.

The sister of the deceased, who is the complainant, has reportedly told the police that Maya and Aarav knew each other well and even the family members knew them.

However, the motive of the murder is yet to be ascertained.

Murder 'pre-planned'

Mr. Devaraj said there were clues in the scene of crime to show that the murder was "pre-planned". "We found an old kitchen knife that was used to stab her. Aarav must have carried it with him.

He also ordered two-arm lengths of a nylon rope on a home delivery platform. We recovered the rope and the cover that it was delivered in, from the room," he said.

Residents spot leopard near Turahalli; Forest Dept. verifying claim

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A leopard was reportedly sighted by residents of Banashankari 6th Stage near the fringes of the Turahalli forest on Tuesday.

WhatsApp groups were abuzz with messages saying that a leopard was spotted inside the forest by a few residents close to Sobha Forest View apartment.

A Forest Department official said, "We have received the photograph and video but we were not sure if it was taken today. We have deployed our personnel to check if a leopard was indeed there as mentioned by the residents. As of now, there was no confirmation about leopard sighting in that area."

Meanwhile, officials from the Forest Department and the Leopard Task Force have captured two leopards near Kambala Gollarahatti in Shivagange forest, Nelamangala.

Following the death of a 52-year-old woman, Kariamma, who was mauled to death by a leopard in the same vicinity a week ago, officials had set up cages to capture the big cat.

After a week-long effort, the personnel managed to capture a male leopard on Monday and a female leopard on Tuesday. They collected the hair and blood samples of the leopards to ascertain whether or not they had attacked the victim.

From Page One

Impose higher penalty on dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets: HC to BBMP

Other directions to govt. and BBMP

- State government and BBMP should evolve permanent mechanism to keep vigil in all parks and gardens
- Authorities are responsible for preventing spitting, throwing of garbage, or leaving the pet poop within park area
- Three-member team should be set up for inspection of major parks to ascertain cleanliness and to chalk out remedial measures, if necessary
- Funds should be allocated for maintenance and cleanliness of parks in budgetary provisions.
- Implement Karnataka Parks, Playfields and Open Spaces (Preservation and Regulation) Act, 1985, in letter and spirit
- Solid waste management and handling rules should be strictly implemented for parks and gardens

Though petitioner has claimed that the petition had become infructuous in view of certain guidelines issued by the authorities, the Bench found it necessary to issue directions as the issue involved is serving larger public interest as the government and the BBMP told the court that pet owners do not follow the guidelines due to which the public outrage for allowing pet dogs in parks, including Cubbon Park and Lalbagh, is high.

"The citizens and netizens could legitimately claim to be saved from the pet menace, more particularly those who fail to maintain the cleanliness in all respects, for which the responsibility lies with the owners of the dogs as also with the civic authorities. The luxury of owning dogs may be enjoyed only by strictly observing the guidelines statutorily provided regarding cleanliness and hygiene," the Bench observed.

Stating that issue of maintaining clean climate and environment have to be addressed, attended to, and redressed, the Bench said that "a park without neatness and cleanliness management is not a park, but turns to be a chaotic place, and a place with nuisance and garbage."

"Cleanliness is desired in all respects by all users. All parks should be always spared from spitting, garbage accumulation, throwing plastic bags, and permitting pets to leave waste of any kind. A garden is a garden, whether big or small, known or unknown. The violators deserve only stern treatment," the Bench observed.

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Norway's estimated fiscal support for Ukraine in 2025

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More than half of the population of Sudan facing acute hunger

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SC ruling on socialism, secularism

What was the original Preamble and how has it evolved? What has been the court's stand earlier and how has it changed? What was the current case about? What bearing will it have on the society?

EXPLAINER

Rangarajan R

The story so far:

A Division Bench of the Supreme Court led by the Chief Justice of India dismissed pleas challenging the inclusion of the words 'socialist' and 'secular' in the Preamble to our Constitution.

What is the history of Preamble?

The original Preamble adopted on November 26, 1949, declared India a sovereign, democratic, republic. Our Constituent Assembly consciously avoided the word 'socialist' as they felt that declaring the economic ideal of a country in its Constitution's preamble was not appropriate. People should decide what suits them according to time and age.

Likewise, Indian secularism is different from western secularism. In the latter, the state and religion are strictly separated and the government does not interfere in religious affairs. However, in India, the state enjoys the power to regulate the economic, financial, political and secular aspects associated with religious practice. It can also provide for social welfare and reform in religious practices. Further, various provisions of the Constitution that include right to practise any religion, non-discrimination on the basis of religion in any affairs of the state embodied the 'secular' values of our Constitution. Hence, in the Constituent Assembly, the amendment to introduce the word 'secular' in the Preamble was not accepted.

In Berubari case (1960), the Supreme Court opined that the Preamble is not a part of the Constitution and thus not a source of any substantive power. Subsequently, in Kesavananda Bharati case (1973), the Supreme Court reversed its earlier opinion and said that the Preamble is part of the Constitution and that it should be read and interpreted in the light of the vision envisioned in the Preamble. It also held that the Preamble is subject to the amending power of Parliament as any other provision of the Constitution. The 42nd Constitutional Amendment in 1976 inserted the words 'Socialist', 'Secular' and 'Integrity' in the Preamble.

Guiding book: Indian National Congress (INC) party workers carry a model of the Indian Constitution during in rally on the occasion of Constitution Day celebrations in Kolkata on Tuesday. AFP

What was the current case?

The current case was filed by former Rajya Sabha MP Subramanian Swamy, advocate Ashwini Upadhyay and others. Mr. Upadhyay and others had opposed the insertion of the words 'socialist' and 'secular' in the Preamble. They argued that these were included during the Emergency and forced the people to follow specific ideologies. They felt that since the date of adoption by the Constituent Assembly was mentioned in the Preamble, no additional words can be inserted later by Parliament. Mr. Swamy was of the view that subsequent amendments to the Constitution including the 44th Amendment in 1978 during Janata Party rule after emergency had supported and retained these two words. Nevertheless, he was of the view that these words should appear in a separate paragraph below the original Preamble.

What did the court rule?

The court dismissed the pleas and held that 'socialism' and 'secularism' are integral to the basic structure of the Constitution. It observed that the Constitution is a 'living document' subject to the amendment power of Parliament. This amending power extends to the Preamble as well and the date of adoption mentioned in it does not restrict such power. The court opined that 'socialism' in the Indian context primarily means a welfare state that provides equality of opportunity and does not prevent the private sector from thriving. Similarly, over time India has developed its own interpretation of 'secularism'. The state neither supports any religion nor penalises the profession and practice of any faith. In essence, the concept of secularism represents one of the facets of right to equality.

Why is it important?

The initial years after Independence fostered 'democratic socialism' characterised by centralised planning and many industries being established by the state. The period of 1960s and 70s saw nationalisation of banks and insurance, higher tax rates and various regulations. The economy, though declared as mixed economy where public and private enterprises would co-exist, displayed the characteristics of classical socialism with license controls and regulations. Starting from 1991, our economy has evolved from such socialistic pattern to a market-oriented model. The ensuing growth has uplifted vast majority of people from abject poverty in the last three decades. However, there is also growing inequality that needs to be addressed. As the court observed, our socialism continues to address the needs of the poor through schemes such as MGNREGA, subsidised food grains, direct benefit transfers for women and farmers etc. Hence, it is imperative that such socialism continues to guide the actions of the state for the welfare of the needy while private enterprise flourishes resulting in increased employment and strong economic growth. The spirit of our 'unity in diversity' should be equally preserved by upholding the values of secularism.

Rangarajan R is a former IAS officer and author of 'Polity Simplified'. Views expressed are personal.

THE GIST

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What is the controversy around the Sambhal mosque?

How did the issue around the 16th Century Jama Masjid in Sambhal break out? Are there common threads with the Gyanvapi and Ayodhya Ramjanmabhoomi disputes?

Ziya Us Salam

The story so far

A petition was filed by Hari Shanker Jain and others in the court of the civil judge of the district and sessions court, Sambhal on November 19. The petitioners alleged that the 16th Century Jama Masjid in Sambhal was built at the site of an ancient Hari Har Mandir. The claim was similar to those made in the case of Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi and Eidgah Masjid Mathura in Uttar Pradesh and Kamal-Maula Masjid in Dhar in Madhya Pradesh. Mr. Jain is the petitioner in the Varanasi, Mathura and Dhar cases too. The Sambhal mosque is a protected national monument.

How were the surveys carried out?

After a hearing on the same day, the civil judge ordered a photographic and videographic survey of the mosque and asked for its report to be presented before it on November 29. The mosque's *intezamia* committee was not consulted by the court. Following the order, a survey was carried out peacefully in the presence of the Superintendent of Police, members of the mosque committee and Sambhal's district magistrate.

However, a second survey carried out on November 24 led to large scale violence. Conducted in the morning, the survey team was preceded by a local *mahant* (priest), one of the petitioners, and followed by some members chanting Jai Shri Ram slogans. A police party accompanied the surveyors. A large number of protestors gathered near the mosque. It soon resulted in stone pelting from the crowd. The police allegedly resorted to opening fire in which five men, including two teenagers, died. The police denied the allegation, arguing it used lathi-charge to control the crowd. The local MLA rubbished the police claims, arguing the dead included unarmed persons who had gone out for their daily chores. The residents alleged the police ransacked their homes.

What is the mosque's history?

Unlike Ayodhya or Varanasi, the Sambhal dispute cropped up only this year. For centuries, people of different communities have lived peacefully here. The Jama Masjid in Sambhal is one of the three mosques built by Mughal Emperor Babur during his reign between 1526 and 1530; the other two being the mosque in Panipat and the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya which was demolished in 1992. The Sambhal mosque was built by Babur's general Mir Hindu Beg around 1528. While most historians attribute this mosque to Babur's general Hindu Beg, some believe the mosque is actually a Tughlaq-era monument.

The Hindu tradition, however, holds that the mosque incorporates parts of an ancient Vishnu temple. They believe the tenth avatar of Vishnu, Kalki, will descend in Sambhal.

What is the Places of Worship Act?

The Sambhal dispute has once again cast fresh spotlight on the Places of Worship Act 1991 under which the religious character of all places of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947, has to be maintained. The only exception was the then ongoing dispute around the Babri Masjid-Ramjanambhoomi. The Act was aimed at shutting out the possibilities of any further contestations around places of worship. The Act's Section 3 leaves no room for debate by clearly barring the conversion in full or part of a place of any religious denomination into a place of worship of a different religious denomination.

What are the challenges to the Act?

The petition filed in Sambhal seeks to change the basic character of the place of worship, in contravention of the 1991 Act. The petitioners quote the oral observation of Justice D.Y. Chandrachud who said in 2022 that the "ascertainment of a religious character of a place, as a procedural instrument, may not necessarily fall foul of the provisions" of the Act. Incidentally, four petitions have challenged the Places of Worship Act in the Supreme Court. The courts have admitted petitions seeking to alter the religious character of the places of worship in Varanasi, Mathura, Dhar, and now Sambhal even as the Supreme Court is yet to decide on the challenges to the Places of Worship Act itself.

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SOLAPUR DIVISION
E-TENDER NOTICE

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, General, Central Railway, Solapur, for and on behalf of the President of India Invites online e-tenders on Railways e-procurement website **www.ireps.gov.in** from reputed, experienced & LIcensed Electrical contractors for the following works. **Tender No. SUR/L/T/2024/32, Date: 24.11.2024.Name of work**: Electrical general service portion of work in connection with development of Circulating area, Approach Road. HL Platform, CGS Room, FOIS Room, Toilets and Drinking water facility at Latur Goods Shed of Solapur Division. **Estimated cost**: Rs. 27,06,093.28/- **Bid Security**: Rs. 54,100/-. **Completion Period**: 12 Months. **Validity of offer**: 60 Days. **Date & time of tender closing on website**: 20.12.2024 at 15:00 hours. Bid Security cost shall be paid through e-payment on **www.ireps.gov.in** website.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G), DE/Sur-40 Central Railway, Solapur
अपने जानवरों को रेल लाइन से दूर रखे

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

SALEM DIVISION
E-TENDER NOTICE No: GEM/2024/B/5633061, Dated: 21.11.2024 & SA-E13-2024-25-W1, Dated: 23.11.2024

Divisional Railway Manager / Electrical / Salem Division, Salem - 5 for and on behalf of the President of India invites E- Tender for the under mentioned works. Online bids only will be accepted. For detailed NIT, qualification criteria, bidding document, tender submission etc. can be viewed / downloaded from website portal **www.gem.gov.in.** & **www.ireps.gov.in**

E-Tender Notice No, Date and Name of Work	Details
1) GEM/2024/B/5633061 Dated: 21.11.2024 Salem Division - Deployment of Contractual Assistants (CA) in Platform duty at Salem, Erode, Coimbatore Railway Stations for the period of two years.	Approx. cost - ₹ **58,14,450/-** EMD - ₹ **1,16,289/-** Completion Period - **24 Months**
For all the works Closing Time & Date	**15.00 hrs. on 12.12.2024**
For all the works Bids Opening Time & Date	**15.30 hrs. on 12.12.2024**
2) SA-E13-2024-25-W1 Dated: 23.11.2024 Salem Division - Provision of Soft upgrades in connection with Amrit Bharat Scheme phase-I at Erode (ED) Railway Station (Balance of work) - Electrical Arrangements	Approx. cost - ₹ **51,34,823/-** EMD - ₹ **1,02,700/-** Completion Period - **6 Months**
For all the works Closing Time & Date	**15.00 hrs. on 16.12.2024**
For all the works Bids Opening Time & Date	**15.30 hrs. on 16.12.2024**

All Addendum / Corrigendum, Time extension, Clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website portal **www.gem.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in** only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical), Salem - 636 005

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that our proposed "Development of Residential Apartment project" by M/s. Vaishnavi At- One Infrastructure LLP at Sy. No. 59, Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka File No. SEIAA 39 CON 2024 dated: 8/8/2024 has been accorded with Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Copies of Clearance letters are available in the website of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at http:// www.envfor.nic.in

- M/s. Vaishnavi
At- One Infrastructure LLP,
No 37, 2nd floor,Vaishnavi Classic,
Kasturba Cross Road, Bangalore -560001

Bangalore
Date: 22-11-2024

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

Construction & Maintenance Division
LPSC Campus, 80 Ft. Road, HAL II Stage,
Bengaluru -560 008. Ph:080-25037131/203

22.11.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, item rate tenders are invited for the following work:

Name of work	**Renovation of General Toilet in corridor (B/W GFF & Main Building) adjacent to old EBW Facility at LPSC(B) Campus, Bengaluru- Civil & PH Works**
Tender Notice No.	**LPSC(B)/CMD/02/2013/C/MI/019/ 2024-25 Dated: 22.11.2024**
Estimated Amount	**₹5.69 Lakhs**
Period of completion	**45 Days**
Sale Period	**From 22.11.2024 to 02.12.2024**
Earnest Money Deposit [EMD]	**₹11,380/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer **www.tenderwizard.com/ ISRO.** Also detailed Notice Invting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from **www.isro.gov.in, www.lpsc.gov.in**

Sd/- Head CMD, LPSC(B)

District Health and Family Welfare Office, Chickballapur

(Name of organization),
Zilla Adalitha Bhavana, Pujanahalli, Chickballapur (Address), Telephones: 08156-277099, 277034. Fax:

Gem For Proposed 2.5 to 3.0 KV(2 Battery & inverters with Traly to be Procured to Ayushman Arogya Mandira's

(1) TENDER REFERENCE: DSO/CBP/AAM/ Committed/ 20/ 2024-25. **(2)** BID AMOUNT: **Rs. 62,62,000/-. (3)** EMD AMOUNT: **Rs. 1,25,240/-. (4)** DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF SALE OF TENDER DOCUMENT: **21.11.2024. (5)** Pre BID Date and Time: **28.11.2024, 04:00 PM. (6)** LAST DATE FOR TENDER DOCUMENT Uphold: **09.12.2024, 04:00 PM. (7)** TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TENDERS Technical Documents: **10.12.2024, 04:00 PM. (8)** Financial Bid if Possible date and Time: **11.12.2024, 4:00 P.M. (9)** PLACE OF OPENING OF TENDERS: District Health and Family Welfare Office,Zilla Adalitha Bhavana, Pujanahalli,Chickballapur. **(10)** ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION: District Health and Family Welfare Office,ZillaAdalitha Bhavana, Pujanahalli,Chickballapur. Mob-9449843046. **(11)** Demo: Demo Date will Be intimated at the Time of Original Technical Documents Verification

ಸಹಿ/– ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ

DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPUR/RO:291/KSMCA/2024-25

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ

ಫೋ:–(0836)2213838 Email: eedharwad@gmail.com

ನಂ.ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ/66/07/02/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ:– 25–11–2024

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸನ್2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ, ಮಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ/7.25%/ಎಸ್‌ಬಿಎಂ 1.0 ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/CPWD/ ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, 2ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಇ.ನಂ : **1) 32684,2) 32683 ,3)32682,4),DMA/2024-25/ PREQUAL_TENDER_NUMBER_104 5) 32685, 6)10139(Gen)** ಒಟ್ಟು 6 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 539.22 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಅ.ನಂ.5 ರಿಂದ 6 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **26/11/2024** ರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಅ.ನಂ 1 ರಿಂದ 4 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **29/11/2024** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ, ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836–2213838 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (1 ರಿಂದ 4)
1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 18/12/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 05.00 ಗಂಟೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 19/12/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ
3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23/12/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅ ನಂ.5)
1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 11/12/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 05.00 ಗಂಟೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 12/12/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅ ನಂ.6)
1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 4/12/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 05.00 ಗಂಟೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 5/12/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ
3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 9/12/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ಮಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/651/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿ3/2024–25

Office of the Deputy Director of Sericulture, (Z.P.), Chitradurga, NH-04, Chitradurga-577501

Tel: 08182-222816 Email: dds.zp.cta@gmail.com

ಸಂ.ತಾಂ೩/ಸೋ.ನಿ/ಅ.ಟಿ./20/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.11.2024

Short Term Tender Notice

(Through e-Procurement)

A short term tender notice has been issued for submission of tenders from interested suppliers through the e-Procurement Portal of the Government of Karnataka (https:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for supply of Grade One, Bleaching Powder, Disinfectants, Plant Enhancers and Slaked Lime for use in silk cultivation for distribution to the silk growers of Chitradurga district.

The tender schedule dates under the e-Procurement system are as follows. **(1)** Tender Details: Short Term Tender Notice for Supply of Grade One Bleaching Powder, Disinfectants and Slaked Lime for Sericulture **(2)** Tender No/Date :SD/2024-25/ IND0056 Date :21.11.2024 **(3)** Office Address : Office of Deputy Director of Sericulture, NH-04, Chitradurga-577501 **(4)** Last Date for Downloading & Submission of Tender: 06.12.2024 **(5)** E.M.D & Security Deposit Amount : As mentioned in the Tender Document **(6)**Technical Bid Opening Date & Time : 07.12.2024 at 01.23 hrs noon. **(7)** Financial Bid Opening Date: 10.12.2024 at 01.23 hrs noon . (Provisional Schedule-Subject to Change) Interested suppliers shall submit bids through e-portal & further details may be obtained from the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in .

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 395/2024-25

Sd/- Deputy Director of Sericulture, (Z.P.), Chitradurga, Chitradurga

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Deputy Commissioner, (District Urban Development Cell), Room No: 123 Dist Administrative Buld. Gadag- 582101 Telephone No : 08372-231877(F),

Email : Email ka.gadag.dudc@gmail.com

No: DUDC/DVP/Amuruth Nagarothana Municipality/PH-4/CR-25/2021-22 Dated : 22-11-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell Gadag District, Gadag invites tenders in two cover system using KG and KW-2. 3. & 4 Document from related Class Contractors/ Supplyers for Gadag District Amuruth Nagarothana Municipality Phase-4 Project.

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through KPP portal at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows.

(1) Construction of Bulding works at Mundaragi TMC Limits DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT17797/CALL-2. (Amount Put tender Rs. 108.01 Lakhs) (2) Construction of Satya Bhavana(10 places) at Gadag-Betgeri CMC Limits DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT32573. (Amount Put tender Rs. **40.58** Lakhs) (3) Construction of Sports Coat at Gadag-Betgeri CMC Limits DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT32574 (Amount Put tender Rs. **74.24** Lakhs) Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents D : **07-12-2024** upto 17.00 hrs. Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) D : **09-12-2024** at 11.00 hrs. (4) THE SUPPLY OF MOTORIZED TWO WHEELER 124 CC AND ABOVE GEAR LESS WITH RETRO FITMENT OF ADDITIONAL TWO WHEELS ATTACHMENT **DMA/2024-25/IND3054/CALL-2.** Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents D : **10-12-2024** upto 17.30 hrs. Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) D : **12-12-2024** at 10.30 hrs. Postponement of calendar of events and corrigendum / addendum (if any) is only published through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
District Urban Development Cell
Gadag District,Gadag

DIPR/GADAG/KSMCA/412/2024-25

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

RCD, ROAD DIVISION, JAMSHEDPUR, JHARKHAND

Very Short e-Procurement Notice
For National Competitive Bidding (3rd Call)
Very Short **e-Tender Reference No. RCD/JAMSHEDPUR/2136**
Date- 25.11.2024

1.	**Name of the work**	Construction of Box Bridge of Tata Nagar Railway Station to Barodaghat at Chainage 3km Road Under Road Division, Jamshedpur
2.	**Estimated Cost of Work (in INR)**	**Rs 3,79,69,659.77** (Rupees Three Crore Seventy nine Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred fifty nine Only)
3.	**Initial Bid Security (Rs In Lacs)**	**Rs 3.80 Lakh (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Thousand only).**
4.	**Initial Bid Security in the shape of**	Initial Bid Security - As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
5.	**Cost of Bidding documents**	**Rs 10,000.00 (Rs Ten Thousand) only.**
6.	**Time of Completion**	**12 (Twelve Months)**
7.	**Date of Publication of Tender on website**	**26.11.2024 at 12.30 P.M.**
8.	**Start date of bidding**	**26.11.2024 from 12.30 P.M.**
9.	**Last date & Time for online bidding**	**10.12.2024 up to 02.00 PM.**
10.	**Type of Bid**	**Two envelope mode (Technical and Financial Bid)**
11.	**Last date & time for receipt of Bid Security and other documents in Online form**	10.12.2024 Through e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
12.	**Date & time for opening of Technical Bid**	**11.12.2024 at 3.00 PM by e-Procurement cell, Office of The Chief Engineer (Comm), RCD, Jharkhand, 1st Floor, Engineer's Hostel No. 2, Near Dhurwa Golchakkar, Ranchi.**
13.	**Name & address of office Inviting tender**	**Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur, Road No.- 1, CH Area.**
14.	**Contact no. of Procurement officer**	**0657-2227724**
15.	**Helpline number of e-Procurement cell**	**0651-2401010**

Above informations are only indicative. Detail NIT & SBD publised on Tender portal shall be final and mandatory. Details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer
RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur

PR 340315 Road (24-25)_D

जिला अभियंता का कार्यालय
जिला परिषद, रामगढ़

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई–निविदा सं० :– *ZP/RAMGARH/08/2024-25, 2nd Call*

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :–

क्र.	प्रखण्ड	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मुल्य (रु०)	कार्य पुर्ण करने की अवधि
1	रामगढ़	ग्राम पंचायत छत्तरमाण्डू के बड़की नदी में शंभु बेदिया राज बेदिया के कृषि फार्म के बगल में पुलिया का निर्माण।	3,79,58,600.00	7,60,000.00	10000.00	18 (अठारह) माह

1. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि– दिनांक 28.11.2024
2. ई–निविदा डालने / प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय– दिनांक 28.11..2024 से दिनांक 03.12.2024 अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक।
3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय– दिनांक – 04.12.2024 को अपराह्न 4:00 बजे।
4. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता– जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, रामगढ़।
5. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ट का दुरभाष नं०– 9801557645
6. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल *Online mode* द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
7. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई– भुगतान संवेदक द्वारा जिस बैंक खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते मे अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर बैंक खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है। तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही संवेदक की होगी।
8. निविदा Double Bid पद्धति से होगा।
9. इस निविदा में जिला परिशद, रामगढ़ के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत समुचित श्रेणी के संवेदक भाग ले सकेंगे।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट *Jharkhandtenders.gov.in* एवं कार्यालय के सूचनापट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

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जिला अभियंता,
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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.

Sl. No	Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s)	Description of Immovable Property With Known Encumberances	Branch Name Account No; Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical)	Property Inspection Time
1.	**Mr. Prathap K C** No-9, Behind Rajanna Flour Mill, Kanaka Nagar, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560078 **Also At** No 6/2 ,1st floor, Padma Palace Plot no 6, Ward no 111, Bride street Langford town , Bengaluru Karnataka-560025 **Mrs. Hemavathi N** No-9, Behind Rajanna Flour Mill, Kanaka Nagar, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560078 **Also At** No 6/2 ,1st floor, Padma Palace Plot no 6, Ward no 111, Bride street Langford town , Bengaluru Karnataka-560025	All the piece and parcel of Residential apartment "Padma palace" Bearing municipal NO 6/2 on the Northern side of the first floor, having 1400 sqft of super built up area (1250 sq.ft build-up area) and 454 sq.ft undivided shared built on the property bearing plot no.6(Previously eastern portion of plot no.6) Situated at Bride Street Langford Town, Bengaluru-560025 **Bounded by: East by:** Private Property **West by:** Common passage to ingress and egress and property belonging to legal Heirs of Late Chithra Sukumar **North by:** Property bearing NO.6/1 belongingto Sri Prithvi Jayasurya **South by:** Private Property	**Branch : Asset Recovery Branch A/C No: 842475110000142 for recovery of Rs 1,63,00,447/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty-Three Lakhs Four Hundred Forty Seven) for account number 842475110000142 compounded with monthly rests from 29-10-2023 with costs and other charges	13-12-2024 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs.1,43,10,000/- **EMD :** Rs.14,31,000/-	Symbolic	10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 9850477529

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Date : 26-11-2024
Place: Bangalore

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Norway's apology to Sami and other minority groups for assimilation policies

A century-long process of Norwegianisation of indigenous peoples and migrant groups commenced in the 1850s. These policies finally came to an end in the 1960s, with laws formally repealed or replaced in 1963. Yet, discrimination has continued the groups have been adversely affected

EXPLAINER

Sruthi Darbhamulla

The story so far:-

Last week, Norway's Parliament, the Storting, issued an unreserved apology for its assimilation policies towards Sami, Kven and Forest Finn peoples. It also laid out a series of resolutions to address the continuing discrimination faced by these communities, *The New York Times* reported.

A century-long process of Norwegianisation of indigenous peoples and migrant groups commenced in the 1850s and did not officially end till the 1960s. It saw the suppression of indigenous languages and traditional culture. Further, Sami children were separated from their parents and sent to boarding schools all across the Sapmi – 'the land of the Sami' which corresponds with present-day northern Russia, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Many Sumis are reindeer herders, and the Norwegian government has designated reindeer herding as an activity exclusive to the Sami. AP

Who are the Samis, Kvens and Forest Finns?

Norway has designated certain groups with 'long-standing attachment to the country' as national minorities, including the Kvens/Norwegian Finns, Jews, Forest Finns, Roma and the Romani people. The Sami, meanwhile, are an Indigenous people spread across northern Europe, including Finland, Sweden, Norway and Russia. This region has been called Lapland; however the terms Lapps/Laplanders are considered derogatory by some Sami. Only about 1,00,000 Sami remain. The largest Sami population is concentrated in Norway – considered the heart of Sapmi – in areas such as Finnmark county.

Inhabiting this chilly terrain for centuries, the Sami have developed their own culture and unique way of life. Many are reindeer herders, and the Norwegian government has designated reindeer herding as an activity exclusive to the Sami, issuing herding licenses based on ancestral lands.

Sami languages are any of three languages (sometimes considered dialects of one overarching language) belonging to the Finno-Ugric group of the Uralic language family – North Sami, East Sami and South Sami.

Both Kvens and Forest Finns are much smaller groups (than the Sami) which migrated to present-day Norway around 500 years ago.

Kvens are the descendants of migrants from the Torne River Valley, part of present-day Sweden and Finland, who historically practised slash and burn farming, fishing and blacksmithing. The Kven language, a Finnic language closely related to Meänkieli and Finnish, was recognised as an independent language in Norway in April 2005. Forest Finns, meanwhile, are descendants of immigrants from eastern Finland who settled in Sweden in the 1500s, before making their way to Norway in the early 1600s.

What were the Norwegianisation policies?

Indigenous peoples and minority groups historically faced discrimination from Scandinavian governments, and laws in the second half of the nineteenth century gave this historical prejudice a more solid form in Norway.

Norway engaged in a century-long process of "Norwegiansation" and assimilation, which intensified after the nation gained independence in 1905.

Policies to integrate and assimilate these groups by suppressing their native language and culture emerged. These policies used education and religion as a tool to erase local language and culture. Traditional practices such as 'yoiking,' a traditional call of the Samis, were forbidden during this time. Young Sami children were taken away from their parents and forced to live in foster homes and state-run boarding schools in the 1900s. The government demarcated some regions for "suitable populations," where these groups were not allowed to settle. Groups also lost access to grazing land and fishing grounds.

Native cultural beliefs were suppressed by Christian mission churches belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran and Catholic denominations. The Sami were forced to give up their earlier shamanistic rituals.

Social discrimination persisted under the guise of scientific research. Members from these communities were made to undergo anthropological tests by scientists, and their burial grounds were exhumed to study the ethnic characteristics of their predecessors.

These Norwegianisation policies finally came to an end in the 1960s, with laws formally repealed or replaced in 1963.

What is the Truth and Reconciliation Committee?

Measures at the community and government level were taken up to address the past oppression. Today, the Sami have a university as well as schools teaching the Sami language, and a (mostly symbolic) independently elected Sami Parliament established in 1989, with which the Norwegian parliament has a working relationship. The Education Act of 1969 gave Sami students the right to compulsory and upper-secondary education in their own language, and policies have also sought to integrate the language in school curricula.

Community efforts too have persisted to preserve the unique identity of these groups. For example, Young Forest Finns works to revive the group's culture and also has a museum under development.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was launched in 2018 to investigate the historical injustice and suggest measures for inclusion and revitalisation versus earlier policies of Norwegianisation and assimilation.

The Committee released a 700-page report on June 1, 2023. The current apology and a set of 17 resolutions to address prejudice against these groups stem from this report, which took 35 hours to read aloud in parliament, and was broadcast nationally. Recommendations in the report included the establishment of a centre for reconciliation work, preservation of minority and indigenous languages and language training.

Other Nordic nations too have launched similar commissions, including the Truth Commission for the Sami People in Sweden and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Concerning the Sami People in Finland. Both are expected to present their reports sometime next year.

What is the current apology?

The unreserved apology was tendered last week to the Sami, Kvens and Forest Finns by the Norwegian parliament following on the heels of last year's Truth and Reconciliation Commission report. The move was approved by the Parliament and the apology read out loud on November 11.

All lawmakers except one group – a bloc from the right-wing Progress Party – voted for the resolution. This cited possible conflict among communities as a reason for voting against it. In a debate held in May, the party's leader, Bard Hoksrud, said it was " fundamentally wrong to give special privileges to some groups at the expense of others," adding that they believed that "history should remain history."

In a written response to a question from a journalist, Conservative party member Svein Haberg said, "The assimilation policy that was historically pursued continues to be both the root of personal hardship for the individuals and groups that were subject to this policy, and a source of conflict today."

Silje Karine Muotka, a Sami leader, called it "a day with many emotions," in a written statement. "Going forward, we expect an active policy of reconciliation.....The decision from today ensures long-term follow-up, and it has both financial and legal repercussions. But unfortunately, no settlement is made with ongoing injustice and conflicts over land and water," she wrote.

In 1977, King Harald V apologised to the Sami people, and Sami People's Day has been celebrated since 1993 on February 6 (the first Sami National Congress was held on February 6, 1917 in Trondheim, Norway). However, this is the first instance of a public apology to the Kvens and Forest Finns.

What are the continuing challenges?

Even after the formal repealing of the laws, prejudice in the nation has continued. The report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission found that members of these groups have less access to health care in Norway, a country with a robust social security net.

The Sami have had a longstanding dispute with the Norwegian government over their way of life and land use, although some laws exist over the Samis' right to grazing land. A 2007 law sought to limit the size of reindeer herds – ostensibly to prevent overgrazing, a move opposed by some Sami herders.

Indigenous and minority languages, too, remain critically endangered. Bullying, hate speech and harassment has persisted, as have negative stereotypes.

As reported by *The New York Times*, a 2021 survey was conducted as part of an Arctic University of Norway project which studied the efficacy of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. According to the results of this survey, 60% of Norway residents said they thought most people knew little to nothing about how the assimilation policies affected the Sami. That figure rose to 88% when it came to how the practices affected Forest Finns and Kvens.

The project was led by Eva Josefsen, a political scientist at the Arctic University who is Sami herself. She highlighted that the lack of transparency about land rights was a sticking point, saying that there was a "general implementation gap between legal rights and what is actually delivered."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

The following is a letter written about 20 years ago by a person who was then doing his M.A. in English. I don't want to make any comment on it, now. I'd like to heart from readers what they think of it. The letter should be brief and to the point.

"Your closeness! perhaps you would not set your heart against me, for writing a letter before your indication nor your perusal would be indifferent until it finishes to the end. If such will be case you may find some sincerity in it. I have unexpectedly to repeat one paper (supplementary) I thought it will be held in July but I came to know they held it in September, the month after which we can't get any job. This sudden irruption has discomposed all my plans and life. What should I do? How will I maintain and manage? This have yielded many problems, doubts and illusions, I think. Should I give my examination or not? If not, I believe it can be possible if I get some work, especially literary work to do. I will have not a single idea to do my M.A. throughout my life. Because I have nothing to do with good degree. I have certainly to do something with good work.

I don't want to say much the kind of person I am, for I have revealed fully before you along with my performance. Well so much I can say if you do something for me, I will certainly not let your efforts go uselessly or go to dogs, but I will ascertain them solid and perfect for their maturity, with my performance and with my dedication to work.

Our principal has promised me to help me in my service affair, but I ma so bewildered that I can't understand what to ask for.

I have been often remembering your image with all its dealings, with all my soul and with a glance of infinite depth. I know not why does it do, but it is most touching thing. It seems it forms and delights me. I am not flattering nor doing I "chamchagiri" because flattering has fluttered from me when I born. Nor again I am caring of service mere, because I had got it all in a small company.

For conveying not my thoughts and for keeping silence up to now by letter to you, I have felt that I have plunged into some deep ocean and now it is my duty to save myself from drowning. Consequently, I am writing this letter."

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In arguing too, the person own'd his skill,
For en'n though vanguish'd, he could argue still;
While words of learned length and thundering sound
Amazed the gazing rustics rang'd around, And still they gaz'd, and still the wonder grew,
That one small head could carry all he knew.

K. Subrahmanian
March 8, 1994

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on the Chief Ministers of Jharkhand

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Vighnesh P Venkitesh

QUESTION 1
How many persons have served as the Chief Minister of the State?

QUESTION 2
Who is the only Chief Minister in the State to complete a term undisrupted?

QUESTION 3
Who was the first Chief Minister of the State? Which party did he represent?

QUESTION 4
The first Assembly election after the formation of Jharkhand State was held in 2005. Name the leader who became Chief Minister for just 10 days after this election?

QUESTION 5
Who took over as the Chief Minister when Heman Soren stepped down from the post before being arrested in an alleged land-scam case?

Name this leader who became the Chief Minister of the State as an Independent MLA. THE HINDU

Answers to the previous day's quiz:
1. Angela Bassett played the lead role in a 1993 movie about this rock and roll singer. Name the singer and the movie. **Ans:- Tina Turner, What's Love Got To Do With It.** 2. At the time of adoption, the Constitution of India was about 1,45,000 words long, making it the longest national Constitution to ever be adopted. Is the statement true or false? How many Articles did it have? **Ans: True, 395 Articles** 3. The first French satellite named after a French comic character created by René Goscinny. **Ans:- Asterix** 4. Which children's fantasy book, written by a mathematician, has the characters March Hare, Bill the Lizard, Cheshire Cat? What is the name of the author? **Ans:- Alice in Wonderland and Charles Lutwidge Dodgson** 5. Charles Schulz, who passed away on this day, is the creator of comic characters like Charlie brown and Snoopy. Name the comic strip that gained wide appeal. **Ans:- Peanuts** 6. Visual Question. **Ans:- Casablanca**

Early Birds
Tamal Biswas, Dodo Jayaditya, Parimal Das, Arun Kumar Singh, Piyali Tuli

Word of the day

Recourse:
turning to someone or something for help or protection

Synonyms: refuge, resort

Usage: *The dispute was settled without recourse to law.*

Pronunciation:
https://bit.ly/recoursenew

International Phonetic Alphabet: /rɪˈkɔːs/

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To curb road rage incidents, BMTC increases time limit for drivers

The increase in time limit allotted for drivers between starting point and destination applies to 1,800 routes

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has made a significant change to its operations in response to the rising number of road rage incidents and attacks on bus drivers by increasing the time limit allotted for drivers between the starting point and the destination.

A BMTC official said: "A thorough route study has been conducted to implement these changes. We have increased the time limit by 15 to 20 minutes in many bus routes. This measure is expected to alleviate the stress drivers experience due to time constraints and prevent accidents caused by high-speed driving."

It may be noted that there have been six attacks on BMTC bus crew since October in the city.

Routes where running time has been increased

Sl No	Route No	From	To	Route length (km)	Running time (hh.mm) Before	After
1	13	Shivajinagar Bus Station	Banashankari TTMC	12.5	00.45	01.00
2	210-N	Kempegowda Bus Station	Uttarahalli	15.8	00.55	01.15
3	248	K.R. Market	Jalahalli Cross	22.5	01.25	01.40
4	378	Electronics City	Kengeri TTMC	29.6	01.40	02.00
5	502-H	Kengeri TTMC	Dwarakanagarv	28.8	01.30	01.50

Source: BMTC

The extended timings apply to 1,800 routes. "For instance, the journey from Majestic to Banashankari, with a previous allotted duration of 55 minutes, now has an extended duration of 1 hour and 15 minutes, giving drivers an additional 20 minutes to reach the destination. Similar adjustments have been made in various other routes, depending on the average travel time required," the official said.

The BMTC has already adopted a vehicle tracking system and cameras in the buses.

"Our chief traffic manager is using this tracking system to assess the actual travel time on each route. This data-driven approach will help us set realistic time limits for all 58,000 trips operated daily. Considering the rise in traffic post the covid-19, these adjustments were overdue," an official said.

In addition to extending travel time limits, the BMTC has initiated road safety training programmes in collaboration with the Bengaluru traffic police. The BMTC drivers are being sent in groups to the traffic management centre on Infantry road, where senior traffic police officials deliver lectures on road safety, stress management, and handling challenging situations on the road.

These sessions aim to enhance the understanding of traffic rules, instill a sense of responsibility in drivers, and reduce the chances of conflict. "These programs equip our drivers with the skills and knowledge to manage road rage incidents and prioritise passengers' safety," the BMTC official added.

BDA issues notice to landowners to acquire pending 600 acres for Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is now issuing notices to landowners to acquire the pending 600 acres of land for the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL).

The move comes after the Karnataka High Court gave a green signal for the acquistion of the land that was entangled in a legal battle after the landowners and farmers challenged the acquisition on many counts.

Earlier, the BDA had issued a final notification to acquire 4,040 acres of land for NPKL. So far, 2,682 acres of land had been acquired and handed over to the engineering department. Of this, the layout was developed in 2,200 acres and 5,000 sites were allotted. About 482 acres of land are yet to be developed. More than 1,300 acres of the remaining land, which includes the 600 acres of land, are still pending for acquisition.

Earlier, the BDA had issued a final notification to acquire 4,040 acres of land for Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout. FILE PHOTO

Speaking with *The Hindu*, a BDA official said: "We have started issuing notices to the land owners, and the land will be acquired soon. However, the decision on allotment of sites in this new phase of the layout will be decided by the BDA board."

The BDA was planning to create 10,000 sites in the yet-to-be-acquired 1,300 acres of land. Now, the BDA also has plans for building villas akin to the one at Hunnigere on the Nelamangala-Sondekoppa road.

But it might also stick to the original plan of site allotment during the conception of the project, another BDA official noted.

Another 300-acre of the 1,300 acres of land will be acquired after the government decides on compensation.

Ivory Coast national held for peddling drugs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) sleuths have arrested a 36-year-old man from Ivory Coast for allegedly peddling MDMA crystals. They have seized 515 gm of the drug worth ₹77 lakh.

The accused was caught red-handed while he was waiting for customers in Soladevanahalli. The accused had come to India in 2017 on a business visa and indulged in peddling drugs. He would source the drugs through his contacts from a neighbouring State and sell them to his clients. The sale of drugs ranged from ₹12,000 to ₹15,000 per gram.

In another case, the Marathahalli police arrested an auto driver and recovered 10 kg of marijuana worth ₹7.5 lakh. Molai Kunju, a native of West Bengal, allegedly sourced the contraband from his contacts in Assam and stored it in a labour shed at Kariyammana Agrahara in Marathahalli to sell it to his customers on New Year's eve.

The CCB officials caught him red-handed.

Publishers see red as Library Dept. insists on affidavit on quality of books to clear dues

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Department of Public Libraries recently issued an order requiring publishers to submit an affidavit certifying the quality of their books before pending dues for titles printed in 2019-2020 and procured in 2023-2024 can be cleared.

While the department has already disbursed approximately ₹8.5 crore to various publishing houses, around ₹21 crore remains pending. The order, dated November 13, 2024, stipulates that this new condition must be met before these payments are processed.

Publishers have expressed their resentment, questioning why the rule is being applied selectively to certain publishers. They argue that the purchases – comprising about 4,600 titles – were approved by the State Level Book Selection Committee and supplied as per purchase orders. They also seek clarification on why some bills have been cleared without these conditions being imposed.

"If poor-quality books are selected, the responsibility lies with the selection committee, not with the writers or publishers," said Srishti Nagesh of Srishti Publications, Bengaluru.

The State Central Library at Cubbon Park. FILE PHOTO

Selection list

As per the Commissioner's order, publishers must submit an affidavit stating that their books meet the standards outlined in the selection list, including specifications for paper quality, printing, and binding.

"Why are we being asked to submit affidavits for books published four years ago and procured only last year? The department has already paid the bills of several influential publishing houses, but now small and medium publishers are being targeted with this requirement," alleged Akshata Hunchadakatte of Aharnishi Prakashana, Shivamogga.

Adding to troubles

Publishers say the new rule adds to their struggles, particularly as no books were purchased by the Department of Public Libraries between 2019-20 and 2023-24. "This selective imposition of conditions is creating further difficulties for publishers. If the government does not withdraw the order, we will have no choice but to protest," warned Mr. Nagesh.

Officials of the Library Department were not available for a comment despite repeated efforts by *The Hindu*.

Two arrested for illegal possession of pistols

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hulimavu police have arrested two men from Bihar who had country-made pistols and live cartridges illegally with them.

The accused were identified as Vidya Sahani, 35, and his elder brother, Prem Sahani, 41.

The police were conducting vehicle checks on NICE road when they intercepted a two-wheeler at around 8.30 p.m. The men, who were riding the two-wheeler, were asked to produce the vehicle documents. But they did not have the papers. The police checked their bag and found two 9-mm calibre country-made pistols and four live cartridges.

Vidya Sahani, a habitual offender, was involved in four criminal cases, including two gun-running and two robberies, in Bihar. He had jumped bail and had taken shelter with his brother Prem, a plumber in the city. The police said that the accused sourced the weapons from his contacts in Bihar and was looking for prospective clients.

The police booked the duo under the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959.

Temperature in north and central Karnataka will go up by 2°C to 2.5°C in next decade, says expert

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"Going by the present trend, temperature in northern and central Karnataka is going to increase by 2°C to 2.5°C within the next 10 years. If not acted as an emergency, we are surely going to lose the battle against climate change," said N.H. Ravindranath, expert, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and former head of Centre for Sustainable Technologies, IISc.

He was speaking at the Climate Leadership Summit organised by the Centre for Sustainable Development in the city on Tuesday. At the summit, experts discussed various aspects of climate change and its impact on Karnataka in general and Bengaluru in particular.

Experts participating in the summit batted for a Bengaluru declaration on climate change to address increasing temperature and the unusual weather pattern. They urged the government to come up with the Bengaluru declaration on climate change followed by a committed implementation of the action plan.

Experts participating in the Climate Leadership Summit called for a Bengaluru declaration on climate change to address increasing temperature and the unusual weather pattern. FILE PHOTO

Mr. Ravindranath said that though Karnataka has climate action cells at the State and BBMP-level separately, these lack basic infrastructure and proper funding. He said that the government should be serious on the impact climate change brings.

The summit advocated research to understand climate projections and impacts at the district level.

"Early warning systems and forecasts should be reliable and need to be developed at the micro level. The government should encourage the participatory engagement of all stakeholders. Additionally, there should be dedicated funding for promoting resilience to climate risks and disasters" were some of the points discussed at the summit.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 28
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RISE 03:48 SET 15:40

FRIDAY, NOV. 29
RISE 06:25 SET 17:51
RISE 04:36 SET 16:19

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	23
Mysuru	29	19
Bengaluru	24	18

Bengaluru Today
26°C Morning will be pleasant with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night also will be pleasant. Mostly dry weather to prevail.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C The weather will be dry. Day will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant.

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Police lawn tennis championship begins

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 25th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship, 2024, was kick-started at the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association at Cubbon Park on Tuesday.

The five-day event, hosted by Central Industrial Security Force, aims to celebrate unity, discipline, and spirit of sportsmanship among the nation's law enforcement agencies.

The tournament was inaugurated by Praveer Ranjan, IPS, Special Director General (APS). A commemorative souvenir was unveiled to mark 25 years of the championship.

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No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS-1&2/e-Tender/2024-25/ 2206, Dated: 22.11.2024

Short Term e-Tender Notification

1) Details of works: On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-4 Karnataka Public Works Department invited item Rate Tender under KPPP Portal in Two Cover System from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following works Under 5054 APPENDIX-E MDR Improvements Plan for the year 2022-23. Under Shorapur Sub-Division One work Indent No-14496 Tender Called **2) Amount Put to Tender:** Miminimum Rs 400.00 Lakhs **3) Contractor Eligible Details:** Civil Class-II & Above **4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details:**Tender Fee, EMD & Period as per kppp portal, **5) Last Date & Time for Tender Pre-Bid Meeting:** 30.11.2024 (Upto 17.30 hrs) **6) Last Date & Time for Tender queries/Clarification:** 03.12.2024 (Upto 17.30 hrs) **7) Last Date & Time for Reciept of the tender in e-KPPP portal:** 05.12.2024 (Upto 16.00 hrs) **8) Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Technical Bid:**07.12.2024 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **9) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid:** 09.12.2024 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **10) For More Details Contact:** Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division : Yadgir. **11) Website Address:** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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No.CESC/GM(IT&MIS)/DGM(Purc)/AGM(Proj-3)/2024-25/19847 25-11-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

CESC, Mysore invites Tenders from the eligible bidders for the "Selection of Solar Power Generators (SPGs) on the basis of Build Own & Operate (BOO) for Design, Survey, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of grid connected distributed solar power plants for solarization of selected Agri feeders at Sub-Station (SS) level in the CESC jurisdiction, its associated 11kV line to connect the plant with concerned SS and Remote Monitoring System (RMS) of solar power plants through RESCO mode, for 25 years under Component C- Feeder Level Solarization of PM-KUSUM scheme" as mentioned below:

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	DIVISION OF CESC	SUB STATION	TALUK	ENQUIRY NO/DATE
1.	Mysore	KR Nagar	Ravandur	Periyapatna	CESC/IT&MIS/ PM-KUSUM-C/ 2024-25/149-152 Date: 25.11.2024
2.	Mysore	KR Nagar	Kangala	Periyapatna	
3.	Mysore	KR Nagar	Kittur	Periyapatna	
4.	Mysore	KR Nagar	Kampalapura	Periyapatna	
5.	Hassan	HN Pura	Mallipatna	Arakalagud	
6.	Hassan	HN Pura	Rudrapatna	Arakalagud	

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **Dated: 27-11-2024**. For clarification contact help desk **+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777** or e-mail address : support@eprochelpdesk.com.
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Sd/-
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CESC, Mysuru.

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavana Building,
Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560 001

No. : KIADB/LAQ/(K-RIDE)/95/2024-25 Date: 16.11.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE (Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bangalore has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of Corridor-4 of Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company Limited (K-RIDE). The Preliminary Notification Under Section 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI 149 SPQ 2024 Bangalore dated:07-11-2024 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated:16-11-2024

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Schedule properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned, Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made there in without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (K-RIDE), 0Bangalore during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 16.12.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, K.I.A.D.B. (K-RIDE), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, it will be consider that there is no objection from your side and further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

SL No	I.D. No	Property Owner	L.A/CT Sy. No	Total Extent	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
	Enquiry Date: 16.12.2024 Time: 11.00 a.m				
	Village : Lottegallahalli Hobli: Kasaba Taluk: Bengaluru North District: Bengaluru City				
1	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/1	Rasthe	3/1	9411.6	39.00
2	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/2	Narasappa S/o Chikkanarasaiah	3/1		54.67
3	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/3	Lakshmamma W/o Narasimaiah	3/2A	404.8	41.27
4	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/4	Rasthe	3/2 A		28.45
5	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/5	Rasthe	3/2B	4149.2	21.07
6	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/6	Shekhar R S/o Raju	3/2B		28.63
7	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/7	Muniraju S/o Munishyamappa	3/2B		13.55
8	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/8	Muniraju S/o Munishyamappa	3/3A	4452.8	3.27
9	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/9	Shekhar R S/o Raju	3/3A		32.86
10	C2/R/14/0.5/Lottegollahalli/10	Rasthe	3/3B	4149.2	24.14
11	C2/R/13/9-0/Lottegollahalli/1	Narayanappa S/o Doddamunihanumaiah	4	20543.6	67.30
12	C2/R/13/9-0/Lottegollahalli/2	M.Rajeev S/o Muniyappa	4		73.29
13	C2/R/13/9-0/Lottegollahalli/3	Rasthe	4		265.16
14	C2/R/13/9-0/Lottegollahalli/4	Mariyamma W/o Late Krishnappa	4		49.33
15	C2/R/13/9-0/Lottegollahalli/5	1.Neelappa 2.Naveen 3.Shruthi 4.J.S.Seti	4		56.24
16	C2/R/13/9-0/Lottegollahalli/6	Shrinivas N	4		36.41
17	C2/R/13/9-0/Lottegollahalli/7	Jayaram S S/o Seethappa	4		17.16
18	C2/R/13/9-0/Lottegollahalli/8	Vidya Minor guardian Mother Lakshmi	4		39.04
19	C2/R/13/9-0/Lottegollahalli/9	Khudasheer Banu	4		1.13
20	C2/R/13/7-0/Lottegollahalli/1	Rasthe	7	21252	803.96
21	C2/R/13/7-0/Lottegollahalli/2	Vasudev Singh	7		11.09
22	C2/R/13/6-7/Lottegollahalli/1	Rasthe	8/1	19228	386.30
23	C2/R/13/6-7/Lottegollahalli/2	1.M. Shridhar 2.Sanjay Kumar Jain 3.Dinesh Kumar Jain	8/1		35.00
24	C2/R/13/6-7/Lottegollahalli/3	1.M. Shridhar 2.Sanjay Kumar Jain 3.Dinesh Kumar Jain	8/1		1.14
25	C2/R/13/6-7/Lottegollahalli/4	Muniraju S/o Muniyappa	8/1		5.45
26	C2/R/13/6-7/Lottegollahalli/5	1.Shrinivas 2.Harish, 3.Muniraju	8/1		4.41
	Village : Nagashettyhalli Hobli: Kasaba Taluk: Bengaluru North District: Bengaluru City				
27	C2/R/13/6-7/Nagashettyhalli/2	1.Syed Mubarak, 2.Rihana Begam	8/1	17710.00	12.84
28	C2/R/13/6-7/Nagashettyhalli/3	Nagamma	8/1		34.57
29	C2/R/13/6-7/Nagashettyhalli/4	Rasthe	8/1		22.24
30	C2/R/13/6-7/Nagashettyhalli/5	M.S.Prashanth S/o M.K.Sudhakar	8/1		57.73
31	C2/R/13/6-7/Nagashettyhalli/6	M.Janrdhan Raju S/o Late Chinnakupparaj	8/1		72.11 (-) 10.00 62.11
32	C2/R/13/6-7/Nagashettyhalli/7	Rasthe	8/1		43.64
33	C2/R/12-13/8-9/Nagashettyhalli/1	Ramadevi W/o Late Bylappa	10/1	9411.6	35.09
34	C2/R/12-13/8-9/Nagashettyhalli/2	1.Munithayamma, 2.N.M.Veerabhadrappa 3.M.Murthy 4.N.M.Deevaraj 5.N.M.Shivakumar 6.M.Shrikanta Prasad	10/1		418.47
35	C2/R/12-13/8-9/Nagashettyhalli/3	Rasthe	10/1		27.06
36	C2/R/12-13/8-9/Nagashettyhalli/4	1.Munithayamma 2.N.M.Veerabhadrappa 3.M.Murthy 4.N.M.Deevaraj 5.N.M.Shiavakumar 6.M.Shrikanta Prasad	10/1		127.73
37	C2/R/12-13/8-9/Nagashettyhalli/5	1.N.C.Veeranna 2.N.V.Gopalaraju 3.N.V. Rama Murthy 4.Venkata Krishnappa S/o Muniyappa & 5.Hariprasad S/o Late VenkataKrishnappa	10/2	6476.8	386.49
38	C2/R/13/0/Nagashettyhalli/1	Gowramma W/o Puttaswamy	11	8298.4	5.67
39	C2/R/13/0/Nagashettyhalli/2	Meena P rao W/o S.PandurangaRao	11		38.17
40	C2/R/13/0/Nagashettyhalli/3	Rasthe	11		197.93
41	C2/R/13/0/Nagashettyhalli/4	Gurubasamma W/o Late ShivaShankar	11		32.40
42	C2/R/13/0/Nagashettyhalli/5	1.L.P. Vijayakumar S/o K Prahalada Rao 2.Raveendra Rao S/o K Prahalada Rao, 3.S.G.Prakash S/o Shrinivasachar	11		24.00
43	C2/R/13/0/Nagashettyhalli/6	Ramadeevi W/o Late Bylappa	11		9.67
44	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/1	Rasthe	12/1	7792.4	275.04
45	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/2	Rasthe	12/1		27.52
46	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/3	BDA	12/2	11233.2	33.56
47	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/4	Rasthe	12/2		39.00
48	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/5	Nagamma S/I Channappa	12/2		22.17
49	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/6	Ranjithkar S/o Gurupadakar Prasimjithkhar S/o Gurupadakhar	12/2		23.67
50	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/7	Saraswathi Raju W/o D T. S Raj Naidu	12/3	5060.00	50.41
51	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/8	B Krishna S/o Balarama Geetha W/oB Krishna	12/3		24.62
52	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/9	K.N.Leelavathy W/o K Narasihama Murthy	12/3		20.51
53	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/10	Ranjithkhar S/o Gurupadakhar Prasimjithkhar S/o Gurupadakhar	12/3		43.81
54	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/11	Rasthe	12/3		268.24
55	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/12	1.Mehaboob Bhasha S/o Khadar Bhasha 2.Khadar Bhasha 3.Najeer Khan S/o Himam Khan 4.Husen Khan S/o Himamkhan	12/3		43.81
56	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/13	Shamshad B W/o Khasim Khan	12/3		22.15
57	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/14	Umashankar M C S/o M.Chandramohan	12/3		22.27
58	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/15	Vijaya B W/o B Mallikarjuna	12/3		22.61
59	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/16	Shanthalakshmamma T L W/o Gopalappa	12/3		17.56
60	C2/R/13/0-2/Nagashettyhalli/17	Gowramma W/o Puttaswamy	12/3		13.72
61	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/01	Rasthe	57/7A	11233.2	652.68
62	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/02	Akramapasha	57/7A	4351.6	5.40
63	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/03	Syed Jameel	57/7A		4.03
64	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/04	Sayashahanaj Begum Sulthan	57/7A		18.60
65	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/05	Siddappa	57/7A		6.85
66	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/06		57/7A		9.30
67	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/07	Rajashekar (Veeresh gas Agency)	57/7A		66.41
68	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/08	Sathish Babu	57/7B1		27.56
69	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/09	Indira	57/7B1		26.73
70	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/10	Susamma B M	57/7B1		9.24
71	C2/R/12/400-700/Nagashettyhalli/11	Krishnappa D Nagarathna	57/7B1		1.00
	Village : Hebbala Hobli: Kasaba Taluk: Bengaluru North District: Bengaluru City				
72	C2/R/10/0/Hebbal/12-01	Anjanamma W/o Abbaiahppa	121/1	1214.4	155.43
73	C2/R/10/0/Hebbal/13-02	1.H.M.Samaiah 2.H M Venkataramanappa 3.H.M.Krishnappa 4.H.M.Gopal S/o K Muniyappa	121/2	1012	166.40
74	C2/R/10/01/Hebbal/14-01	1.Muniyallamma 2.Krishnappa S/o Munikunjappa 3.Shrinivas S/o Munikunjappa	120/1	809.6	132.46
75	C2/R/10/09/Hebbal/02	Vinod Kumar S/o Mangilal S Jain	120/3	809.6	769.75
76	C2/R/10/09/Hebbal/03	1.Rachappa 2.Vinod Kumar S/o Mangilal S jain 3.Vibesh S/o Late Vinod Kumar 4.Dinesh Chand S/o Mangilal 5.Vibhesh Pakar S/o Vinod Kumar	120/4	708.4	531.25
77	C2/R/10/0/Hebbal/15-04	V Muniraju S/o Late Venkatappa @ Venkaramu	120/5	303.6	137.81
78	C2/R/10/8/05/Hebbal/1	1.Vibhesh S/o Vinod Kumar 2.Nirmala W/o Late Vinod Kumar 3.Vibhesh S/o Late Vinod Kumar, Sneha D/o Late Vinod Kumar	99/1	1720.4	977.87
79	C2/R/10/8/05/Hebbal/2	Pillamma Tanamma	99/2	354.2	114.90
80	C2/R/10/8/05/Hebbal/3	M.Ramaiah, Papamma W/o late Bheemaiah	99/4	354.2	50.25
					50.25
81	C2/R/10/9/Hebbal/1	Dinesh chand S/o Mangilal	100/1	1922.8	400.00
82	C2/R/10/9/Hebbal/2	Papamma W/o Late Bheemaiah	100/1		50.15
83	C2/R/10/7/Hebbal/1	1.Kempanna S/o Munibhyrappa 2.K.Shailaja W/o Narayanswamy	95	10929.6	125.53
84	C2/R/10/6-7/Hebbal/1	1.Munishamappa S/o Honmarappa 2.Udoda Abbaiah 3.M.Shankarappa S/o Munidasappa 4.L.Lakshmi W/o M Munishamy 5.H.D.Dasappa 6.H.D.Chikkamuniyappa 7. Tulasibai W/o Late Mohan lal 8.P Jain	94/1	2125.2	71.68
85	C2/R/10/6-7/Hebbal/2	1.Munithayamma W/o Thandavappa 2.Krishnappa 3.Narayanappa Anjanappa P W/o Late Rajanna	94/2	1518	143.57
86	C2/R/10/6-7/Hebbal/3	1.Muniyamma W/o Thandavappa 2.Govindappa	94/3	607.2	2.37
87	C2/R/10/8/0/Hebbal/1	1.H.D.Dasappa 2.H.D.Chikkamuniyappa 3.Munishamappa	98/2	1619.2	192.78
88	C2/R/10/7/5/Hebbal/1	Shrikanth H C	96/1	1619.2	126.00
89	C2/R/10/7.4/5/Hebbal/03-02	Kumari Rashmi priya, Yogesh S	96/3	2024	121.50
90	C2/R/10/7.4/5/Hebbal/03-03	Shrikanth H C	96/3		121.50
91	C2/R/10/7.5/5/Hebbal/02-04	T Neelamma W/o Krishnappa	96/4	1619.2	78.03
92	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/01	Shri Vaseem Ahammed Shri S/o Nisarhammed	567		9.05
93	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/02	Smt Murugamma W/o P Madhu	567		14.60
94	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/03	C. Krishnappa S/o Late Chikkamuniyappa	567		31.75
95	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/04	C Shrinivas S/o Chikkamuniyappa	567		129.44
96	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/05	C Ramesh S/o Chikkamuniyappa	567		139.25
97	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/06	Amt Yashodamma W/o Chikkabyrappa	567		109.12
98	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/07	C.Vijayamma W/o Basavaraju	567		123.33
99	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/08	C Kanthamma W/o Munishankar	567		106.67
100	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/09	Smt Vasantha W/o Late Subramani, Shri Gagan & Smt Pooja	567		134.14
101	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/10	Nala	567		62.13
102	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/11	Rasthe	567		2.48
103	C2/R/10/0-1/Hebbala/11	Vibesh Parekh S/o Late Vinod Kumar	(Old Sy.No. 122/3)		70.43
	Village : Nagavara Hobli: Kasaba -1 Taluk: Bengaluru North District: Bengaluru City				
104	C2/R/8/5-6/Nagawara/01	Shrinivas S/o Papaiah, Manjua D/o Papaiah	35/3	4048	601.61
105	C2/R/8/5-6/Nagawara/02	KhadarAli S/o Noorulla	35/5	2833.6	170.3
	Village : Lingarajapura Hobli: Kasaba Taluk: Bengaluru North District: Bengaluru City				
106	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/01	Alagammal W/o Subramani	1103		27.87
107	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/02	Krishnappa S/o Chinnaswamy	1103		9.66
108	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/03	Jabeer Ahmed S/o Syed Babu	1103		25.51
109	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/04	Puneetha k W/o Vinod	1103		26.06
110	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/05	Subramani S/o Parashuram	1103		10.53
			1104		15.00
111	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/06	Jayaram S/o Late James	1103		19.68
112	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/07	Mariyamma D/o Sabanna	1103		27.87
113	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/08	Nawab Khan S/o Khadar Khan	1103		24.44
114	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/09	Noor Ahmed	1103		27.87
115	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/10	Shantappa S/o Ambaranna	1103		1.56
116	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/11	Shabhir Ahmed	1103		19.96
117	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/12	Khadar Basha K S/o Late Jalabuddin	1103		22.05
118	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/13	Jayashelan S/o Fransis	1103		25.44
119	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/14	Ratnam S/o Subbiah	1103		9.49
120	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/15	Mariyappa S/o Siddappa	1103		24.66
121	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/16	Mahadevappa S/o siddappa	1103		22.28
122	C2/R/3/9/Lingarajapura/17	Janaki D D/o Doddappa	1103		9.04
123	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/18	Yellamma W/o Bhimaraya	1103		27.87
124	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/19	Kondappa S/o Doddappa	1103		8.18
125	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/20	Jakira W/o B Moosa	1103		0.20
126	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/21	Hayat Khan S/o Khasim Khan	1103		23.45
127	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/22	Chandru	1103		8.52
128	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/23	B D A	1104		56.82
129	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/24	Rasthe	1103		73.69
			1104		51.32
130	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/25	Rasthe	1103		28.68
131	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/26	Rasthe	1103		31.11
132	C2/R/3/8/Lingarajapura/27	Rasthe	1103		28.38
133	C2/R/3/4-5/Lingarajapura/01	Aliyamma Jacob, J Jacob, Chechhamma Jacob, Mathew Jacob, I J Thomas, SusiJacob, SunilJacob, Vinod Jacob, Janardhan Babu, Umesh, Anitha Mathews, Master Ajith Mathews	1108		81.17
134	C2/R/3/4-5/Lingarajapura/02	Susheela J, Siradha, B Anusuya, A Vasantha, M Kala	1108		28.24
135	C2/R/3/1-4/Lingarajapura/01	N Dasappa	1110		422.00
136	C2/R/3/2/Lingarajapura/02	K Narayan Swamy S/o Kondappa	599/1		1000.06
137	C2/R/3/2/Lingarajapura/03	Govt Of Karnataka	599		144.94
138	C2/R/4/2-3/Lingarajapura/01	Rasthe	387		30.85
139	C2/R/4/2-3/Lingarajapura/02	Roopa			24.26
140	C2/R/4/2-3/Lingarajapura/03	B Mukund And B Nagaraj			38.03
141	C2/R/4/2-3/Lingarajapura/04	Road			17.00
142	C2/R/4/2-3/Lingarajapura/05	Ramachandra S/o L M Ramaiah			36.40
143	C2/R/4/2-5/Lingarajapura/01-06	1.Merlin Jyothi 2. Kum Anjaliya Satyapriya 3.Mariya Deepa Shantani Sri T John Bosco	388		8.82
144	C2/R/4/2-5/Lingarajapura/02-07	John Baptist S/o G Jayanath	388		5.87
145	C2/R/4/2-5/Lingarajapura/03-08	Sajira Blowers	388		64.00

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client has negotiated for purchase of the immovable Property described in the schedule hereunder from its owner:

SRI. P.MANORANJAN, S/o.Late. Prabhashankar, Aged about 53 years, Residing at # 893, 1st Main Road, B Cross, Michael Palya, 1st Stage Indiranagr, BANGALORE - 560 038.

Whereas the owner claims that he is the sole and absolute owner thereof

It is hereby informed to the general public that any person/s, agent/s, Bank/s Financial Institution/s, etc, having any manner of claims, charge, mortgage, right, title and Interest, sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, trust, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, license, easement or otherwise of whatsoever nature, howsoever etc., in respect of the schedule property are hereby informed to make the same known to the undersigned in writing supported by documents as proof and evidence, within a period of 14 days from the date of Publication of this notice, failing which the claim/s or objections shall be considered will be deemed to have been waived and/discharged forever my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Immovable House property bearing B.D.A Site No.893, formed in Sy.No.1/3, P.I.D.No.82-18-893,Situated at B.M.Kaval HAL 2nd Stage, Old Ward No.82, New Ward No.80, Bangalore, site measuring East to West 18.31 Mtrs and North to South : 12.20 Mtrs: totally Measuring 223.40 Square Meters together with existing building Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor and bounded on the :

East by : Site No.892, West by : Site No.894, North by : Road, South by : Site No.890

Sd/- **G. VIJAYAKUMAR,** Advocate
No.64, 4th Cross, Indiranagar 2nd Stage,
BANGALORE - 560 038.
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, N.R. Square, Annex Building-3, Bengaluru.

No: DCF/PR-1566/2024-25 **Date: 26.11.2024**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that the Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, Bengaluru, has submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of trees standing inside the premises of the Air Force,Yelahanka, Bengaluru from KM 545.300 to 556.840 for "Construction of LHS Service Road" under Upgradation, Operation and Maintenance of Km 534.720 to Km 556.840 of NH07. The details are given below:

Name of the Project	"Construction of LHS Service Road" from Km 545.300 to Km 556.840 of NH07.			
Name of the Agency	National Highways Authority of India, Bengaluru			
Purpose of removal of Trees	The Trees are standing within the premises of the Air Force, Yelahanka, Bengaluru for Construction of LHS Service Road.			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS coordinates	**Boundary**	**Latitude (N)**	**Longitude (E)**	**Location**
	1	13.129649	77.614761°	Indian Air Force, Yelahanka, Bengaluru
	2	13.130931	77.615324°	
	3	13.130963	77.615533°	
	4	13.129509	77.614653°	
Enumeration of trees • Total No. of trees standing in the project area	66 Nos. (Annexure-1)	Description of trees, species, location, area,etc., are uploaded in the website of BBMP for information of all. **(www.bbmp.gov.in)**		
• Total No. of trees proposed to be removed	66 Nos. (Annexure-1)			
Mode of Communication of Comments (Public can send their comments either by E-mail/Post/Hand)	**Address:** a. The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-02. e-mail ID: **dcfbbmp12@gmail.com** b. The Project Director, Project Implementation Unit-Bengaluru, National Highways Authority of India, Sy.No.13, Nagasandra, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru. E-mail ID: nhaibangalore@gmail.com * *A copy of the comments communicated directly to the Project Director should also be marked to the Tree-Officer/DCF, BBMP			
Deadline for filling objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notification in Newspaper. * **Objections/Comments/Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project.**			

In view of the above, the suggestions/objections/comments are invited from citizens under Section 8(3)(vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.

Sd/- Tree Officer &
Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP, Bengaluru

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Office of DGM-1,BSWML, 1st Floor, UNI Building,
Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052.

No.DGM-1/BSWML/Adde/02/2024-25 **Date: 25.11.2024**

ADDEENDUM-II

The Addendum-2 for the tender notification No. **DGM-1/ BSWML/TEND/08/2024-25 Dated 07.11.2024** is issued, notifying **that the uploading date of Pre-Bid queries is extended from 25.11.2024 to 27.11.2024 till 5:00PM. You may send your queries to the following email address or contact our office.**

E-mail: dgm1bswml@gmail.com

Office address: DGM-1, BSWML office, 1st Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-1
BSWML

DIPR/CP/3443/AKAR/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SE(E)/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-3/K-S6/24-25/3973 **Dated: 25.11.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode Only)

KPTCL invites Tenders for providing services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at various 220kV & 66kV sub stations with Bid Enquiry Nos. **EPR: 904-945 (Total 42 tenders) Date: 15.11.2024** coming under BRAZ Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru Jurisdiction **(Two part tender).**

The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The detailed notification regarding the above tenders can be had by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper link "E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **27.11.2024.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (El), Transmission (M),
BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal,
Bengaluru – 560 024. Telefax: 080-23415347.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Sri. MANJUNATH. B** The Owner represent that he is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and apart from him there are no other person/s, having any right, title or claim over the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is not mortgaged, or encumbered in any manner. The Owner represent that he has not entered into any MoU, Agreement of Sale or any sort of arrangement with any other person/s, with respect to the Schedule Property or part thereof. If any person/s having objection/s or claims may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims **within 7 (Seven) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Immoveable Agricultural land being Survey No.172/1, Measuring 0-18.08 Guntas and Survey No.172/7 (Old Survey No.172/1), Measuring 0-18.08 Guntas, both Situated at Tavarekere Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the:

Survey No.172/1	**Survey No.172/7**
East by : Land bearing Sy No.172/7	Remaining Land in Sy No.172
West by : Land bearing Sy No.173	Land bearing Sy No.172/1
North by : Land bearing Sy No.178	Land bearing Sy No.178
South by : Land bearing Sy No.171	Land bearing Sy No.171

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Date:27-11-2024

Govt.of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation, Division Chikodi

Tel. No.: 08338-275101 E-Mail: ee.rdws.ckd@gmail.com

NO: EE/RDW&S/DN-CKD/PB/KW3&4/TENDER/2024-25/12/1685 **Date:25/11/2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited on behalf of the governor of govt of Karnataka according to KTTP act 2000 through e-procurement Portal for the below mentioned works.

Work Indent No: 8719,8723

II) Calendar events are as follows : i) Date of Pre Bid Meeting:30-11-2024 time 11.00Am @ EE R D W & S Division Chikodi, ii) Last date & time for receipt of tenders through e-portal 03-12-2024 upto 17.00 hours. iii) Date of Opening of Technical Bid: on 04-12-2024 at 17.30 hours, iv) Date of Opening of Financial Bid on after approval of technical bid.

III) Other conditions & eligibility criteria etc are as published in e-procurement portal. More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list

Sd/-Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division Chikodi

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1197/KSMCA/2024-25

146	C2/R/4/2-5/Lingarajapura/04-09	Rasthe	Rasthe		30.75
147	C2/R/4/2-5/Lingarajapura/04-10	K Hemareddy S/o Krishnappa Reddy	389		30.41
148	C2/R/4/2-5/Lingarajapura/05-11	S Sowmya D/o K Sampangirama Reddy			28.37
149	C2/R/4/3/Lingarajapura/12	Deena Rajani Trust	390		42.00
150	C2/R/4/3/Lingarajapura/13	Deena Rajani Trust	391		40.00
151	C2/R/4/3/Lingarajapura/14	Rasthe	Rasthe		28.38
152	C2/R/4/3/Lingarajapura/07-15	Syed masood Ahmed S/o Syed Ibrahim Syed MakSood Ahmed S/o Sayed Ibrahim	392		84.64
153	C2/R/4/3/Lingarajapura/08-16	Isarmehadi S/o Mirzaiktidar Hussian	392		49.72
154	C2/R/4/3/Lingarajapura/08-17	Nirmala Harry W/o Harry	393		34.95
155	C2/R/4/3/Lingarajapura/9-18	Rasthe	Rasthe		114.20
156	C2/R/4/2-5/Lingarajapura/19	Soud Khan And Smt Rizwana Begum	394		148.21
157	C2/R/4/2-5/Lingarajapura/20	Jasinta Priya James D/o T A James			93.25
158	C2/R/4/4/Lingarajapura/21	Rasthe			46.98
159	C2/R/4/4/Lingarajapura/22	Manohar Chandran S/o Late A Ramadas , S Kalavathi W/o Manoharan Chandran			62.78
160	C2/R/4/4/Lingarajapura/23	Santhosh Tampi			30.84
161	C2/R/4/4/Lingarajapura/24	Rasthe			141.27
162	C2/R/4/4/Lingarajapura/25	Sosamma Tampi W/o P C Tampi			12.92
163	C2/R/4/4/Lingarajapura/26	K F C S C	492		28.60
164	C2/R/4/7/Lingarajapura/01	A Gnanaprakash	502 503		2.54
165	C2/R/4/7/Lingarajapura/02	Mahendranath P S/o G Prabhat Rao	511 512		1.75
166	C2/R/4/7-8/Lingarajapura/01-03	Dr N Ruthmani W/o D Saloman Raju	513		12.53
167	C2/R/4/7-8/Lingarajapura/03-04	Solaman Raju S/o Manikya Rao	518		37.00
168	C2/R/4/7-8/Lingarajapura/04-05	Drain	Drain		4.60
169	C2/R/4/7-8/Lingarajapura/07-06	R Satish Kumar S/o Late V P Rathnam , R Hemamalini D/o Late V P Rathnam	519		35.43
170	C2/R/4/7-8/Lingarajapura/07	Rasthe	1016		22.91
171	C2/R/4/7-8/Lingarajapura/07-08	Mohammad Sawood S/o Abdul Bashir	1016		32.86
	Village : Mattikere	**Hobli: Yashavanathapura**	**Taluk: Bengaluru North**	**District: Bengaluru City**	
172	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/01	Mobel John D B W/o Jastin John D	50	4857.6	5.83
173	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/02	Mobel John D B W/o Jastin John D	50		0.29
174	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/03	Lakshmi S Prasad W/o A N Prasad	50		12.26
175	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/04	M Sunitha Vinod W/o Vinod Vittal Kale	50		14.91
176	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/05	Muttu C S/o Seenu	50		25.69
177	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/06	Rasthe	50		14.58
178	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/07	Karthik P S/o Pannerselvam, Kanimoli W/o Karthik P	50		32.97
179	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/08	R O Plant	50		25.16
180	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/09	Eshwar Rao Morey S/o Ampaji Rao	50		33.44
181	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/10	Eshwar Rao Morey S/o Ampaji Rao	50		42.75
182	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/11	Rasthe	50		26.99
183	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/12	Devraj S/o Narayana Gowda	50		30.24
184	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/13	Devraj S/o Narayana Gowda	50		1.17
185	C2/R/15/3-4/Mathikere/14	Nala	50		76.23
186	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/01	Ashwath M G S/o Govindaraju	134	1113.2	15.00
187	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/02	Rasthe	134		31.65
188	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/03	A Margaret D/o Patrik Larde Raj	134		17.83
189	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/04	Pushpa W/o Ramachandra Rao, Ramachandra S/o Narayana Rao	134		27.21
190	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/05	P Ganesh S/o Purushatham Rao	134		14.38
191	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/06	Lakshmi Devi W/o P Ganesh	134		15.18
192	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/07	Venkatesh H	134		36.13
193	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/08	1.Munikrishnappa M S/o Muniyappa 2. Yashoda S W/o Munikrishnappa 3. Anappa C M S/o Late Chikkaya	134		45.51
194	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/09	4. B A Lakshmi Prasanna S/o Late B Appajappa	134		29.01
195	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/10	Prakash P S/o Puttaswamaya, Shwetha W/o Prakash P	134		38.98
196	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/11	Prakash P S/o Puttaswamaya, Shwetha W/o Prakash P	134		26.73
197	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/12	Prakash P S/o Puttaswamaya, Shwetha W/o Prakash P	134		15.33
198	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/13	Rasthe	134		37.96
199	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/14	Mobel John D B W/o Jastin John D	134		55.75
200	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/15	Rasthe	134		5.87
201	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/16	Nala	134		220.94
202	C2/R/15/1-3/Mathikere/17	Rasthe	134		335.64
203	C2/R/15/1/Mathikere/1	Nala	135/1	2024	222.64
204	C2/R/15/1/Mathikere/2	Rasthe	135/1		13.28
205	C2/R/15/1/Mathikere/3	Yashodha Murthy M D/o Doddamuniyappa	135/1		24.64
206	C2/R/15/1/Mathikere/4	Manjunath M S/o Doddamuniyappa	135/1		85.59
207	C2/R/15/1/Mathikere/5	Ashwath M G S/o Govindaraju	135/1		25.77
208	C2/R/15/1/Mathikere/6	Nala	135/3	607.2	117.4
209	C2/R/14/8/Mathikere/1	Sanath Sadan	105	5363.6	52.33
210	C2/R/14/8/Mathikere/2	Rasthe			3.03
211	C2/R/14/5/Mathikere/01	Rasthe	CTS 298		294.81
212	C2/R/14/5/Mathikere/02	Pillumunishyamappa S/o Muniyappa	CTS 298		74.36
213	C2/R/14/5-8/Mathikere/03	Sundari	CTS 298		41.52
214	C2/R/14/6/Mathikere/04	M Sundaramurthy	CTS 298		68.01
215	C2/R/14/6/Mathikere/05	V M Rathnamma	CTS 298		1.93
216	C2/R/14/6/Mathikere/06	KedaraNag Mukanahalli Patna Satish, Raji Vylo Ptalli Mohanan	CTS 298		53.12
217	C2/R/14/8/Mathikere/07	K Kannan Ganesh	CTS 298		118.00
218	C2/R/14/6/Mathikere/8	Rasthe	CTS 298		229.07
219	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/9	Murugan	CTS 298		5.35
220	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/10	M Prakash Gangavani	CTS 298		24.85
221	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/11	S Kumar	CTS 298		42.74
222	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/12	Umadevi	CTS 298		58.98
223	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/13	A Venkatesh & R Babu	CTS 298		64.63
224	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/14	Yesudas S A	CTS 298		9.36
225	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/15	Yesudas S A	CTS. 306		44.27
226	C2/R/14/5-8/Mathikere/16	Paramashivan	304		25.07
227	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/17	P Shashidhar	305		35.44
228	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/18	Marimuttu	303		19.16
229	C2/R/14/6-7/Mathikere/19	Rasthe	298		89.42
230	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/20	Ambika M	308		1.59
231	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/21	Ambika D	307		16.05
232	C2/R/14/5-8/Mathikere/22	Sudha W/o D Selvamani	298		4.97
233	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/23	Sudha W/o D Selvamani	328		28.75
234	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/24	Anthony Swamy B	327		33.71
235	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/25	Nagavalli & Sangeetha P Arul Prasiska			44.00
236	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/26	M Sharada W/o Rao	298		23.91
237	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/27	Rajendran, Rajashekar	329		46.03
238	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/28	K Lakshmanan S/o Gopal Gangadharan	326		4.30
239	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/29	Gajendra(Devasthana)	330 & 298		65.00
240	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/30	B G Monica D/o B L Gajendra			38.22
241	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/31	Rasthe	298		37.46
242	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/32	Pushpamma	331		41.80
243	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/33	D Shankar S/o D V Damodaram	CTS 298		19.31
244	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/34	M Yatiraj	CTS 298		27.87
245	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/35	Aarokya Mary W/o Devaraj	CTS 298		38.48
246	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/36	Rasthe	CTS 298		62.87
247	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/37	Sahayanathan	CTS 298		49.21
248	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/38	Shankar	333		8.55
249	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/39	Jayamma	332		21.05
250	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/40	Jayamma	332		30.91
251	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/41	Menaka	298		8.16
252	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/42	M Naveen			22.27
253	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/43	Metaa			47.60
254	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/44	Leelavati Bai	341&342		0.11
255	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/45	Mallika	343		17.33
256	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/46	Cheluvaraju	343		0.63
257	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/47		344		92.35
258	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/48	Sheela	CTS 298		1.21
259	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/49	Murthy D	CTS 298		34.15
260	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/50		CTS 298		25.80
261	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/51	James D	CTS 298		32.37
262	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/52	Rasthe	CTS 298		56.03
263	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/53	Church	CTS 298		17.71
264	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/54	Water Plant	CTS 298		32.96
265	C2/R/14/7-8/Mathikere/55	Nala	CTS 298		45.87
266	C2/R/15/7/Mathikere/01	N. Anjanappa S/o Late Narayanappa	1158		118.20
267	C2/R/15/7/Mathikere/02	Erappa M And B T Venkateshaiah	1159		394.26
268	C2/R/15/7/Mathikere/03	Kevin Sam Mathews	1158/1		138.00
269	C2/R/15/7/Mathikere/04	Rasthe	Rasthe		80.69
	Village : Myakalachennahalli	**Hobli: Kasaba**	**Taluk: Bengaluru North**	**District: Bengaluru City**	
270	C2/19/2/MYAKALACHANENA HALLI/-01	H M T Private Limited	2	21759.75	442.34
271	C2/19/9-2/MYAKALACHANENA HALLI/-01	H M T Private Limited	16	3643.49	130.28
272	C2/19/9-1/MYAKALACHANENA HALLI/-02	H M T Private Limited	17	2935.03	329.07
273	C2/19/8-3/MYAKALACHANENA HALLI/-01	H M T Private Limited	13/1	35928.90	491.82
	Village : Peenya Planatetion	**Hobli: Kasaba**	**Taluk: Bengaluru North**	**District: Bengaluru City**	
274	C2/19/3/PEENYAPLANTETION-01	Pahaniyante	02		2920.49

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, K.I.A.D.B.,-(K.R.I.D.E.,) Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

Speculation about Cong. bid to poach JD(S) legislators resurfaces

The latest round started after Yogeshwar, who fought a pitched battle with the JD(S) to wrest the Channapatna Assembly seat, indicated that he is ready to bring legislators of the regional party into the Congress fold

Sharath S. Srivatsa
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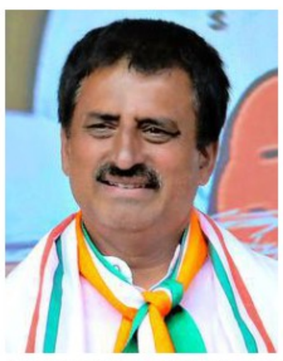

Congress MLA-elect C.P. Yogeshwar and Janata Dal (S) State president H.D. Kumaraswamy

Speculation around Janata Dal (Secular) legislators jumping ship, which threatened the party's existence after a poor performance in the 2023 Assembly elections, is resurfacing following the party's defeat in the byelection to the Channapatna Assembly constituency, its stronghold in the Vokkaliga heartland.

The concerns over possible defections had died down after the regional party joined the NDA months after the drubbing it received in the 2023 Assembly elections, which saw its number drop from 37 seats in 2018 to 19. After the loss in Channapatna, the number is down to 18 legislators. The victory of the alliance in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, where the NDA won 12 out of 13 seats in the Old Mysore region, had brought stability to the party cadre.

Shivakumar's remark

The latest round of speculation started soon after the victory in Channapatna when Congress legislator C.P. Yogeshwar, who fought a pitched battle with the JD(S) to wrest the seat, indicated that he was ready to poach JD(S) legislators into the Congress fold. Adding fuel to the fire, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar also said the Congress victory in Channapatna was made possible by JD(S) and BJP workers and leaders, leading to further speculation.

Congress sources acknowledged that there had been attempts to woo JD(S) legislators in the Old Mysore region with the active support of Mr. Shivakumar, whose popularity in the Vokkaliga community hinges on the decline of JD (S) fortunes. A close aide of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who was part of the Congress' effort to lure the JD(S) in 2016 when eight legislators of the regional party cross-voted in the Rajya Sabha polls, resulting in the defeat of the JD(S) nominee, said though defections are possible, the Congress did not need them now since it received a big mandate last year. Incidentally, the JD(S) was also a victim of 'operation lotus' engineered by the BJP when its legislators defected in 2008 and 2019.

JD(S) dismisses claims

JD(S) sources said the party has managed to keep its core voter base in Channapatna intact despite defeat. "Statements of Congress leaders are mere rhetoric and are attempts to unsettle JD(S) workers. The Channapatna loss need not be viewed as a very big loss. We have accepted the loss and moved on. This will not affect the party at a broader level," sources said.

GTD's statements

The JD(S) Core Committee chairman G.T. Deve Gowda is learnt to be unhappy at not being made the JD(S) Legislature Party leader after Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy resigned from the Assembly after his win from the Mandya Lok Sabha constituency. He has been making public statements, embarrassing the party. Sources said another former Minister from Mandya district is also making efforts to leave the party.

Multiple JD(S) legislators contacted by *The Hindu* said though a couple of leaders were interested in leaving the party to suit their local interests, the situation is not alarming.

BYV to party workers: Take a vow to bring BJP to power

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B.Y. Vijayendra

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra has written an open letter to party workers, assuring them that the drubbing in the byelections to three Assembly seats will not have any impact on the party organisation and asking them to take a vow to work towards bringing the party to power in the next Assembly elections by ending the Congress rule in the State.

In the letter on Tuesday, Mr. Vijayendra asked the party workers and leaders not to take the byelection defeat to heart. He maintained that byelections are not parameters for deciding the party's organisational strength and political influence as they would be fought mainly on local issues and government influence.

There is no need to get disheartened over the defeat of BJP candidates in two assembly seats and that of alliance partner JD (S) in another, Mr. Vijayendra said, while alleging that the misuse of power by the ruling Congress and its inducements had misguided voters. "Even then, let us positively accept this defeat. Let us consider this defeat as a caution bell for the future challenges," he maintained.

Accusing the government of indulging in a series of irregularities, including those in the Maharshi Valmiki ST development corporation, allotment of sites by MUDA and eviction notices being issued by waqf board to farmers, he said the victory in byelections can neither be used as a shield or weapon by the Congress government, especially Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, to cover up the alleged saga of corruption.

Mr. Vijayendra also used the occasion to send a message against "dissidents" within the party by saying that "though there is an open opportunity in the BJP to have difference of opinions, there is a system to ensure that boundary of discipline is not crossed."

He said even now he wants to have an affectionate bond with all the seniors, prominent leaders and workers in the party in a bid to strengthen the party. He called upon party workers and leaders to overcome the forces trying to create fissures in the "fortress of the party".

He asked the party workers to get inspiration from the party's historical win in the Maharashtra Assembly polls and work towards ending the Congress rule in Karnataka. He called upon party workers to work hand in hand with the JD(S) in this regard. "Let us tell ourselves that our aim is to end the Congress rule in Karnataka as it is anti-majority," he said.

Those speaking against Constitution are seeking to change it: Siddaramaiah

Basavaraj Horatti, Chairman of the Legislative Council, after unveiling a 1,200 sq ft. banner to mark 75 years of the adoption of the Constitution, in front of the Legislators' Home in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said those opposing the Constitution are speaking of changing it, while his government and the Congress are fighting to safeguard it.

On the sidelines of an event to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, the Chief Minister said: "Those who are against the Constitution are telling us to change it. Recently, the swamiji of the Pejawar Mutt in Udupi also spoken about the need for amending the Constitution. We are fighting to ensure that the Constitution should not be changed".

He said, "Those who oppose social justice are the ones talking about altering the Constitution. Our government is committed to protecting it." Social inequality existed owing to the caste system. Social reformer Basavanna opposed the caste system about 850 years ago but still the caste system is deeply rooted in society, the Chief Minister said.

Responding to a question, he said about 106 amendments have been made to the Constitution so far. "We are celebrating 75 years of adopting the Constitution. Perhaps, India's is the longest written Constitution in the whole world," he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said whether it is the Central or the State government or local bodies, they have to function in accordance with the Constitution and uphold its principles.

Noting that his government had made it compulsory for students to read the Preamble of the Constitution at schools and colleges, he said: "Every child should understand the Preamble of the Constitution, its principles, and should function according to it. Everyone should be aware of the rights and duties that have been provided under the Constitution."

Give BPL cards to 'microscopic' tribal families in 15 days: CM

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday directed the Food and Civil Supplies Department to provide below the poverty line (BPL) ration cards to "microscopic" tribal families within 15 days.

The Chief Minister, who chaired a meeting with Ministers and officials of various departments, told them to provide basic facilities, such as roads, drinking water, electricity, land deeds, and graveyards, to Scheduled Tribe families living in remote areas or near forests in districts such as Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, and Kodagu.

He directed officials of Revenue, Forest, and Social Welfare departments to coordinate with each other and provide welfare programme benefits to STs and those living near forests. Eligible members of STs should be recruited locally in the Health Department, the Chief Minister said.

He directed Deputy Commissioners to provide housing sites to STs, if possible near the forests, which would solve the problem of rehabilitation. The houses would be provided under the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Ltd., he said.

In Mysuru district alone, 2,963 families have not been provided housing sites and 1,222 have been given sites but they have not constructed houses. In Chamarajanagar district, 2,761 families have sites but have not constructed houses, the Chief Minister added.

Seer makes controversial statement on the voting right of Muslims

Artist Sridhara Naik performing at a protest by the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

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In a controversial statement, a video clip of which has now gone viral, Chandrashekhar Swami, seer of Vishwa Vokkaliga Mahasamsthana Mutt, has said: "Muslims should be stripped of their right to vote, for others to live peacefully".

He was speaking at a protest organised by the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, a Sangh Parivar affiliate, against the alleged "takeover of farm land by the waqf board" at Freedom Park on Tuesday. He said taking over the land in the name of waqf was condemnable and demanded the abolition of waqf boards across the country. "Politicians do these things for elections. If our country has to get a good name, we should bring a law that strips Muslims of their voting rights. They will then be in their place and the rest of us can live peacefully," he said.

Show-cause notice will be served on Gaviyappa, says Shivakumar

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The Congress MLA had made a public statement requesting CM to stop some poll guarantees

Congress MLA H.R. Gaviyappa's public statement requesting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to stop some poll guarantees has embarrassed the Congress government, and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has said a show-cause notice will be issued to him seeking explanation for his remark.

The MLA representing the Vijayanagara constituency in the Kalyana Karnataka region said at a recent event that the election guarantees had made it difficult to provide houses to people. "It has become difficult to provide houses to people due to the guarantee schemes. I request the Chief Minister to cancel some guarantees schemes that are not needed, then at least we will be able to provide houses."

Reiterating that the government would not halt the guarantees, Mr. Shivakumar on Tuesday said the party would issue a show-cause notice to Mr. Gaviyappa for his statement on the guarantees. Speaking to reporters at Ambedkar Bhavan, he said, "I don't believe that he has given such a statement. In case he has, we will issue a show-cause notice seeking an explanation. No MLA of the Congress should question the guarantee schemes; we will initiate action if anyone does so."

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Minister sets deadline to adopt single-window system software

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Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil has set December as the deadline for all departments concerned to adopt the newly developed single-window system software. The new system is set to be launched in January 2025.

Mr. Patil announced this during a meeting of senior officials on Tuesday here. Mr. Patil explained that currently, procedures related to project approvals, industrial plot allotments, and CA plot allotments in industrial areas are complex and multi-staged, often causing delays. The new software, developed by Microsoft, aims to streamline and simplify these procedures. He said the Chief Secretary would soon convene a meeting to ensure the software's speedy implementation.

The Minister said training would be provided to staff in the relevant departments to help them effectively use the new software. He emphasised that the single-window system would end the ordeal of investors having to approach multiple departments for approvals. Highlighting its features, he said it would be completely online. By entering PAN or Aadhaar number, users can retrieve all details about their project's status, making the process transparent and efficient, he noted. "When investors are ready with business proposals, it is the government's responsibility to provide them with a hassle-free mechanism," Mr. Patil said.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

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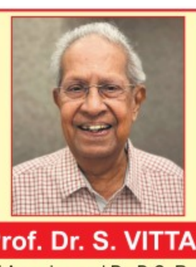

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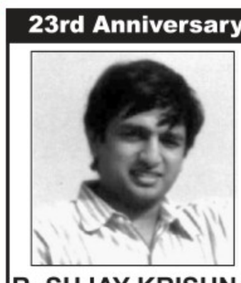

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Bhed Chal: A peek into the life and culture of the pastoral Kurubas of Karnataka

The documentary was recently screened at *Kurubkii*, a three-day-long event showcasing the lives, livelihood, and culture of Kurubas, one of the oldest pastoralist communities in this region

Preeti Zachariah
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A poster of *Bhed Chal*. SPECIAL AARANGEMENT

Pastoralism is believed to have emerged in multiple parts of the world in the Neolithic period, the final chapter of the broad prehistoric period we refer to as the Stone Age. ANKIT POGULA

Herds of varicoloured Deccani sheep fan across the undulating Deccan landscape, seeking the odd patch of green amidst large swathes of rock-flecked sienna earth. Neelkant Kurbar, fondly known as Neelkant mama, dressed in white and wearing an ochre turban, picks his way through the rugged landscape as nimbly as the sheep, his firm, steady gait belying his 80-odd years.

For seven decades, he walked his sheep through this landscape until his son, Nagesh, died in an accident, and he had to give them away, we learn in the film *Bhed Chal* (Herd Walk), a documentary depicting the lives of the pastoral Kurubas of Karnataka. But it has not stopped this community elder from reminiscing about the old way of life. "I remember earlier times...this land was very good for increasing our herds...all open grasslands," he says in the film, ruing how farmers have taken over these grasslands, using them for sorghum cultivation. "Land for animal's grass, taken over for man's bread."

Bhed Chal was recently screened at *Kurubkii*, a three-day-long event showcasing the lives, livelihood and culture of the Kurubas, one of the oldest pastoralist communities in this region. According to the release, the event aims to highlight the often-overlooked voices of the Kurubas and foster a broader discourse of pastoralism in the Deccan region, helping us understand the ecological and social importance of this way of life.

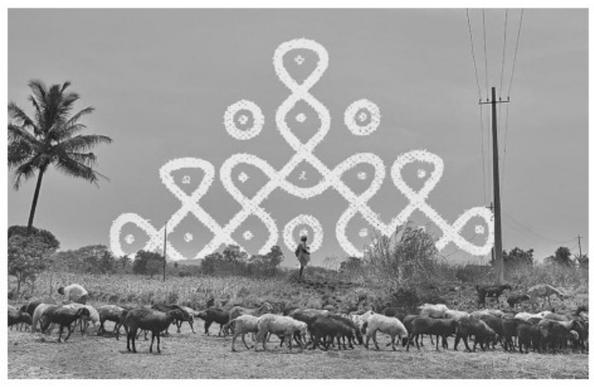
Organised by Dakhni Diaries with the support of the Samagata Foundation, the event was all about celebrating this ancient community's rich cultural traditions and practices. Some of the highlights of *Kurubkii* included a selection of *kamblis*, or traditional blankets, artworks and merchandise made of Dakhni wool, an installation depicting the stages of wool processing, photographs offering a glimpse into the daily life of the community and various events, including workshops, book launches, public talks and performances. "The event is more than a mere display," states the release. "It is a platform to introduce young artists, designers, conservationists, and social workers to the Kuruba community's craft, culture and conservational efforts."

An ancient profession

Pastoralism, or the practice of rearing domesticated ungulates such as sheep, cattle, goats and camels on rangelands, is believed to have emerged in multiple parts of the world between the Neolithic period, the final chapter of the broad prehistoric period we refer to as the Stone Age. "Remember that pastoralism preceded agriculture; it has been around since at least seven to eight thousand BCE," says the Kutch-based writer and social activist Sushma Iyengar, the lead curator of *Living Lightly*, a travelling exhibition focussing on pastoralism in the Deccan which will launch in Bangalore next February. "It is one of the oldest practices even in Indian culture," she adds.

In the vast arid and semi-arid Deccan plateau, where monsoon variability is high, mobile pastoralism has always co-existed with rain-fed, subsistence farming and has been and continues to be a critical food provider, says Sushma. "This is the most resilient livelihood," she says. Not surprisingly, many pastoral communities are still found in the Deccan, including the Gollas, the Kurubas, the Kurumas, the Rabaris, Dhangars and Banjaras, who display " very seasonal and deductive movements in search of fodder and food and water." According to a publication titled *Pastoral Communities and the Forest Rights Act*, issued by the Centre for Pastoralism in 2021, pastoralism as a practice involves the seasonally mobile management of domesticated animals via extensive grazing on common pool resources, with at least 50% of household revenues coming from this kind of animal husbandry. "By this definition, pastoralism does not include intensively managed livestock (such as stall-fed dairies) or immobile households that manage a few animals that might be grazed on village commons, generating a small fraction of household revenues from their livestock," states this report, pointing out that many of these pastoral communities are commonly associated with particular breeds of animals that they have played a vital role in developing.

In the case of the Kurubas, it is the native Deccani breed of sheep, a hardy, medium-sized breed whose wool ranges in shade from ebony to ecru and has been used to make handwoven kamblis. "Ancestrally, we have been working with this wool to make kamblis, the entire process, carding, making yarn and weaving, taking place inside the house," says Bharati Kaganikar, a Kuruba artisan from the Kadoli village in Belagavi district. Traditionally, men from the community go out with the herds while women stay behind to make these *kamblis*, which once had a large market in India since they were sourced by the Indian Railways, police and military. "However, the demand for them has come down," she says. While they continue to make kamblis that are used for sacred ceremonies and by the community, they are also working with Dakhni Diaries to broaden their product range. "Now we make bags, mats, runners and drishti bands in between our MGNREGA work."



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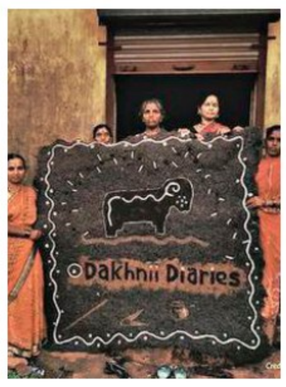

Not only is this animal a source of wool, but it is also used for milk production, meat, and to produce organic manure, says Neelkant mama, who thinks of sheep-rearing as a sort of dharma. "This community is not doing this for money but sustenance," he says. He launches into the origin myth of the community, which hints at an inextricable connection between the community and the animals it looks after. According to the legend, the Kurubas are the descendants of Padamgonda, one of six brothers, who, thanks to divine intervention, found sheep in an anthill and was told that he had to protect them. "If you take care of these animals, they will take care of you," he says.

A hard road ahead

For centuries, farming and pastoralism have forged a strong symbiotic relationship, with the pastoralists providing manure to the farmers for cultivation and getting food and money in return. "In arid parts of Karnataka, people still depend on animals for agriculture as they cannot afford to buy all the inputs from the market," says Gopi Krishna of Dakhni Diaries, who has been working with the community for decades. Penning, or herding sheep into farmlands and leaving them there for a while to fertilise the soil, is crucial because it sustains agriculture and food security and makes sheep-rearing a viable profession for pastoralists. "He gets rice, tea, money, and other things when he goes for penning," says Krishna, adding that this practice plays a huge role in sustaining a pastoralist lifestyle.

Neelkant mama, too, still remembers a time in the not-so-distant past when there was enough common land in the region to walk through, grazing his sheep en route.

"Each village would be 100 km away, and the sheep would graze as we moved from village to village," he says. "And we would give manure to the farmers at each of these villages." Not anymore, however. As the population grows and more people have to be fed, much of the common land is now being used by farmers to grow crops. "Since you are using more and more land for rice and other food, the land available for the sheep is decreasing day-by-day," rues Neelkant mama.

Not only is common land shrinking, but farming systems, too, have changed drastically. "The same farmers who would invite them for decades and centuries sometimes don't want them now," says Sushma, adding that there are other challenges these communities face: complex issues around access to grazing on grasslands and forest ecosystems, lack of recognition by the state and limited access to essential services like healthcare and education. "Things have changed, and they have become more aspirational-...naturally want their children to study. But, as a society, we haven't supported mobile communities such as pastoralists and encouraged mobile schools, for instance," she says. "Women and children are increasingly choosing to stay behind while men move."

Pastoralists have traditionally always been adaptable, able to pivot when the need for it came up. "You know, climate change is not just today. It has been there in the past also," he says Krishna, pointing out that the community has always been able to respond to biotic pressures. "Shortages and seasonality have always been there, but these people know how to make complex decisions in real-time."

Something is working for them, agrees Sushma. "This is essentially the ability to adapt to the environment, the markets, the economic system," she believes. For instance, as the demand for penning and locally produced wool has fallen – India imports most of its wool – they have turned to the meat market to sustain themselves. "The local wool market has dropped completely, but the meat market is very huge. Sheep and goat meat is a lucrative business, and the pastoralists have moved to that," says Sushma.

This, in turn, means that production is changing to keep up with this new market: "more external food, vaccinations, chemicals, fodder...so the focus is no longer on the overall health of the sheep or the overall health of the culture or the ecology or the economy; it's all productivity," she says, explaining this shift has also caused many pastoralists to replace robust native sheep breeds with fatty cross-breeds. "They are compelled to respond to an overall system, policies and markets."

Despite these challenges, Karnataka has been doing better than many others when it comes to their local pastoralist communities, she says. "Very few state governments have a compensation policy when calamities happen and animals get attacked by wildlife. Karnataka is perhaps the only state with this," she says. The state also appears to be in favour of giving the community more forest rights. "There is apparently a move to create a more holistic grazing policy, which we look forward to, says Sushma.

The New India Foundation invites applications for the 12th edition of its NIF Book Fellowships

Since its inception two decades ago, the foundation has sponsored the publication of 34 critically acclaimed, award-winning books

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"Writing, in general, is a very solitary process," says Yauvanika Chopra, Associate Director at The New India Foundation (NIF), which, earlier this year, announced the 12th edition of its NIF Book Fellowships for research and scholarship about Indian history after Independence. While authors, in general, are built for it, it can still get very lonely, says Chopra, pointing out that the fellowship's community support is as valuable as the monetary benefits it offers. "There is a solid community of NIF fellows, trustees, language experts, jury members, all of whom are incredibly competent," she says. "They really help make authors feel supported from manuscript to publication, so you never feel like you're struggling through isolation."

NIF fellow Neha Dixit signing copies of her debut book, The Many Lives of Syeda X: The Story of an Unknown Indian. YAUVANIKA CHOPRA

Fellowships alternate every year between the NIF Book Fellowships and the NIF Translation Fellowships (for bringing non-fiction from Indian languages to English), with this year focused on the former. According to a release, since its inception two decades ago, the New India Foundation has sponsored the publication of 34 critically acclaimed, award-winning books across a wide range of topics detailing the trajectory of India after 1947.

Chopra lists some of them: Rahul Pandita's *Our Moon Has Blood Clots: The Exodus of the Kashmiri Pandits*, Neyaz Farooquee's *Growing Up Muslim in India: An Ordinary Man's Guide To Radicalism*, Ayesha Kidwai's translation of her grandmother Begum Anis Kidwai's memoir titled *In Freedom's Shade*, Jason Fernandes' *Citizenship in a Caste Polity: Religion, Language and Belonging in Goa* and Kartik Shanker's *From Soup to Superstar: The Story of Sea Turtle Conservation Along the Indian Coast*, among others. "On the website, we write that we are ecumenical in terms of genre and ideology; the only requirement is that the proposed works contribute to a fuller understanding of contemporary India," she says. "That is really true. It is a pretty wide canvas."

Reaching more people

The application form, currently accessible on the NIF website, is fairly straightforward, adds Chopra. In addition to details such as name, date of birth, address and contact number, applicants must provide a 5000-word research proposal and a similarly-sized writing sample. "Those are indicative," she says. "Your proposal could be shorter, and your writing example could be from something else that you've written, although it's recommended that it should be from the book you want to write because then we get a sense of what it would look like," she says. While the number of fellowships is variable, at least five are awarded from the 20-odd people shortlisted every year. Fellowship holders are granted a cumulative amount of ₹18 lakhs over a 12-month-long period, which includes a stipend of ₹1 lakh per month. The rest will be disbursed at the time of the final manuscript submission, states Chopra. "The other thing we offer is a one lakh subsidy directly to the publisher to offset printing costs," she says. "If they can keep the price down for the book, they can make sure that it reaches more people."

Applications for the NIF fellowship are open till December 31. To know more, log into www.newindiafoundation.org/nif-fellowships.

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Bank Loans to Ryots: Sukhadia's Suggestions

Bangalore, Nov. 24: The Governor of Karnataka, Mr. Mohanlal Sukhadia, suggested here to-day the clear demarcation of the role of different financing institutions assisting farmers to avoid "confusion and the delay" in sanctioning of loans to agriculturists.

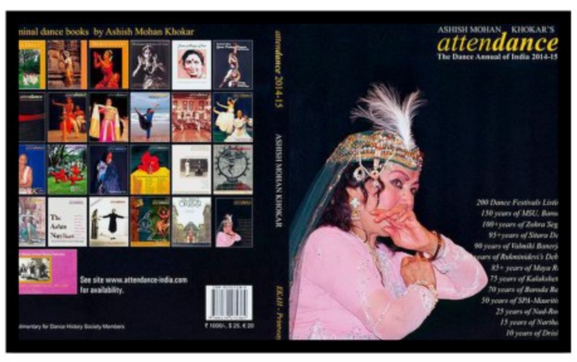
Addressing the concluding session of the three-day seminar on "bank finance to farmers" organised by the Karnataka Pradesh Krishik Samaj, the Governor said duplication or work by many financing agencies had created confusion and had mainly benefitted those who were "intelligent enough to take advantage of this situation." Mr. Sukhadia felt that no loan should be given to farmers with big or medium sized holdings for seeds, fertilizer and pesticides. They might, however, be given loans for sinking wells, installing pumpsets or buying tractors, depending on the holding and income of the farmer. It the farmer had capacity to effect improvements from his surplus income then even loans for that purpose should not be given.

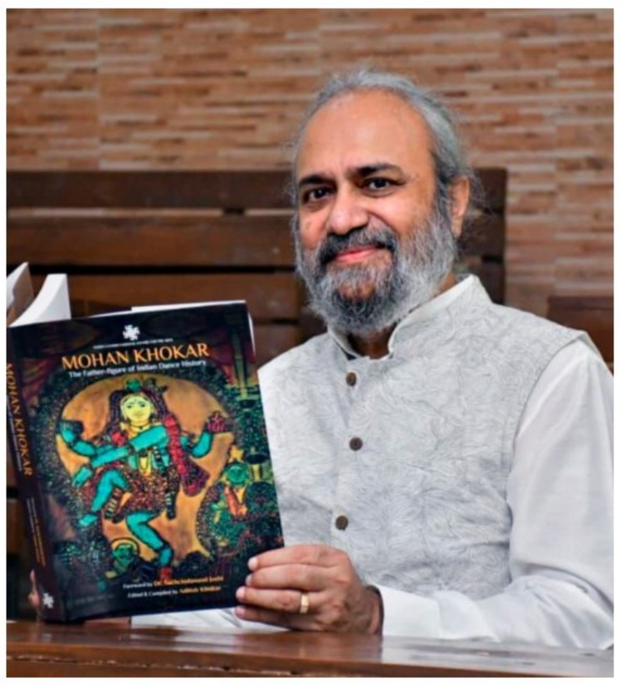
He said the central Co-operative Banks and their branches should only give credit in the shape of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides to small and marginal farmers and he was personally not in favour of giving credit in cash. If the cooperative banks gave credit to tarmere in kind they need not have to approach other agencies for inputs.

Ashish Khokar: 'Performing arts is not like a painting'

Shilpa Anandraj

Ahead of the 10th edition of attenDance Awards, to be held in Bengaluru on November 30, art historian Ashish Khokar talks of the need to celebrate, assess and value dance





Of movers and shakers Art historian Ashish Khokar, different editions of attenDance. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The 10th edition of attenDance Awards, initiated by Art historian and author, Ashish Khokar, honouring dance talent will be held on November 30 in Bengaluru. Ashish has done extensive work documenting dance, dancers and their contribution to the art. With over 45 books and 4,000 articles in the last 40 years to his credit, he teaches dance history modules at various universities and is the chairman of Dance History Society and curator of Mohan Khokar Dance Collection, named after his father, also a writer, historian and a patron of the performing arts.

Ashish talks about attenDance, that he founded in 1999, its vision and more, saying it all as it is, albeit, with a tinge of humour.

Edited excerpts:

Tell us about attenDance Awards 2024.

It is a platform to honour exceptional dance talents. We started in the pre-internet era, when we had no clue about what happened the whole year in the field of art, who had passed away, which books were released or what were the milestones achieved in that year. This was where attenDance came in, to fill in that gap. It was a year book that documented all these and is still a year book.

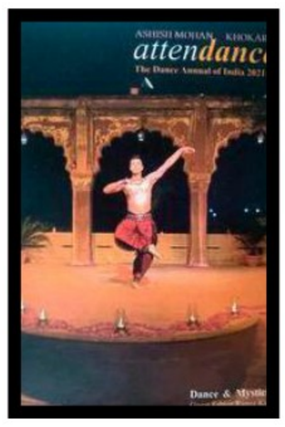
The idea was to capture memories of the year gone by and I can confidently say attenDance was the only book then, on Indian dance, including Bollywood, folk and classical. We did not talk about world dance, but everything connected to India.

attenDance Awards were initiated 15 years ago as I realised that the National awards come to some artistes pretty late in their life. Some are well into their 60s or are on wheelchairs, while some were forgotten or bypassed by the system for whatever reasons. That is when we started atteDance Awards, thinking of how we could fill this vacuum. We decided to give out awards to younger dancers under the age of 40 and to seniors artistes who were over 70 and not known nationally.

You are also a critic. What would you say are the qualities of being one?

Being a critique is interesting in the age of social media, where everyone is on their own, praising themselves. Every one is a *brahma gyani* (all knowing). For me, critiquing is not judging, but assessing the art and the artiste. A critic should not be judgemental, but describe and define the work presented by assessing how good the foundation of the artiste is, how well it is presented to the audience and how well they connect to the audience. In a way, a critic sets the standards of what the art work presented is.

Performing arts is not like a painting. In a painting, the art is captured for eternity, in all its splendour and value and beauty and there will never again be another painting as the one already made. Not so in dance. Dance is there and then. It is for that moment. So dance, for me, is a fragile form, which needed not just to be celebrated, but to be assessed and valued too. Dance on stage is a litmus test. That is where the art of critiquing comes in.



What about Rangapravesha? Is that not a type of a litmus test?

Rangapravesha is a mini wedding and costs parents a huge sum of money with no returns. Sorry to say this, it has become a hyped-up thing. Basically, Rangapravesha or Arangetram was presented when the guru felt the child or the ward was ready to take the first professional steps on stage.

Now, it has become a rite of passage or a show-off activity, a public relations thing. It even means the person is ready for the marriage market, because dancers who marry outside the country get an advantage of having a background in culture.

I believe a Rangapravesha should be simple, and gurus need not show off each child or product as an item, because not everyone can afford this extravagance. At least in classical forms, we should keep the decency and the aesthetics alive.

As an art historian, in a country as ours, brimming with varied art forms, how do you decide which form to pick and which to leave out?

At times even I wonder how I became an art historian. I was weak in mathematics and geometry, but good in history and English. When I graduated, I became a teacher of history and realised that soon I too will become history! I wanted to do something and I loved history, it came to me on auto pilot. I loved the stories the subject came with. I am blessed with a photogenic memory and since I came from a family of dance, it was easy to combine the two.

When I saw a dance or an art, I wanted to know the persona behind the work, where they came from, what backgrounds they had etc. I wrote a few biographies only because I loved the process of reconstruction.

There has been no qualified dance historian in the country. And, the ones who chronicled, either focussed only on dance or history. So it is rare that when you find these two qualities combined in a person. Folk artistes come from humble backgrounds; they are not stars. When you speak to them, their faces glow. When I started writing about films, I would watch a film more than once – for the story, for the dance, for the music and so on. Cinema is also a complete art form. Good or bad, it has a story, costumes, dance and music and I have been drawn to this too.

Which artist has been the most challenging and memorable that you have documented?

The first name that comes to mind would be Maya Rao (the late Kathak dancer). She was a mother figure to me when we moved to Bengaluru and hers is the first home we went to here. We also have the Lifetime achievement award named after her.

Mrinalini Sarabai has left an impact on me. She had nothing to do with dance, but was a pilot with Subash Chandra Bose. She came from Kerala and settled down in the dusty city of Ahmedabad after her marriage to Vikram Sarabai and she started Darpana, an institution of excellence, which, today is run by her daughter Mallika Sarabai.

Mrinalini was one of the most gracious persons I have ever met, one with no pretense. Art comes from the heart and if the heart is good, the art, inevitably will also be good.

Padma Subramanyam is one of those rare dancers who is adept in theory as well as dance. She can discuss anything and has a deep knowledge of varied subjects. She is a brilliant dancer with an equally sound academic mind.

The attenDance Awards *will be presented on November 30, 6pm at Alliance Francaise, Vasantnagar. The event is open to all and will feature dance by the awardees and local artistes of Nadam.*

CITYBEATS

Berry chilled

NOVEMBER 29

Naturals Ice Cream will soon be launching their strawberry-flavoured ice cream. Crafted from Mahabaleshwar strawberries and blended with milk and sugar, the resulting ice cream is one that balances the fruit's natural tang with a velvety sweetness.

The new flavour will be available across all Naturals Ice Cream outlets across the country.

Flavourful fusion

ONGOING

Maize and Malt is showcasing the bold flavours of Andhra Pradesh with a special menu that will be available till November 30. Enjoy fusion foods such as tomato pachadi bruschetta, pesarattu spring rolls, and M&M chilli chicken pakoras with in-house craft beers, bandar ladoo cheesecake and much more.

At Maize and Malt, KR Puram.

Just tune in

NOVEMBER 30

SOCIAL presents Focus Group Radio. In true Dans Punk style, there will be sounds of broken techno, weird and twisted bass music, as well as dubby-influenced drums. SOCIAL will also host DJ Dwell, Kandy Kuri and Nich for a special b2b, along with Skye.

At Indiranagar SOCIAL, 8pm onwards. Call 8657896572 / 73 for details and tickets.

Days of our lives Rishab Narain, Loops' cover. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

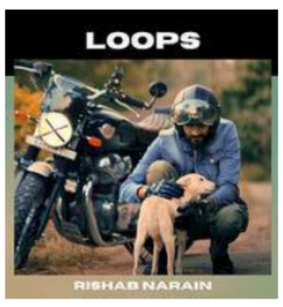
Life in a metro

Ruth Dhanaraj

When was the last time you felt like that hamster on a wheel, glassy eyed and tiny paws scrambling, frantically wishing your oft-repeated the motions will somehow break the monotony of life? Truth is, most of us have experienced that angst and have either doggedly plodded on or finally jumped off that wheel even if it left us reeling.

Well, Rishab Narain wrote a song. His debut single 'Loops' is about breaking free from the routine that cripples humanity into settling for a mere existence. "One day in Mumbai, I was travelling on the local train, and was suddenly aware of the sheer number of people. Everyone was doing something or the other – local tradespeople, students, corporate-types – it was extremely busy and the hustle was terrific. I looked at it all and realised I was also part of that universal rat race," says Rishab.

The Bengaluru-based musician continues, "I felt I should take a step back to enjoy simple things and appreciate smaller things, rather than just getting caught in the grind. That is when I wrote the lyrics to 'Loops,' sitting in that train in about 25 minutes flat. It has the simplest of lyrics as I wanted the song to be minimalistic. Once I got back



home, I finished the song in its entirety."

Rishab, who sings and plays the guitar, says 'Loops' was the first time he had created something entirely on his own, for himself. "I have worked with other artistes and bands, and it has always been a collaborative effort. But with 'Loops' I worked on the composition and its lyrics, and then got it recorded." The video was released in September this year.

Currently playing with Bengaluru-bands Long Island Iced Tea and G5, Rishab remembers that pivotal moment when he was "moved" by the music. "I was listening to 'Tears in Heaven' by Eric Clapton and it truly inspired me – it made me pick up my sister's guitar, but after I broke a couple of strings, I decided to get get a guitar on my own," laughs the self-taught musician.

This was in 2010, and in the next two years, after getting a boost at a popular talent show, he began participating regularly in music fests and collaborating with different artistes and musicians.

Now after notching up more than 250 shows, Rishab has three more original numbers in the pipeline which he intends to release eventually.

'Loops' is out on all streaming platforms

Great pizzas sans gimmicks

Hearty hellos The spread at Serious Slice is a wonderful addition to a relaxed outing. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Praveen Sudevan

If you are someone who is just interested in having good food in a relaxed ambience rather than the stories restaurants are spinning these days (because a brand story, apparently, is a necessity), Serious Slice in Rajarajeshwari Nagar might just be your new go-to. A 10-minute walk from the metro station, this place offers an easygoing vibe where the star attraction is, refreshingly, the food itself. And when that food includes crispy calamari, creamy burrata, and enough pizzas to satisfy even the most discerning of taste buds, there is hardly anything to complain about.

We started light with a grape & goat cheese salad, which felt like the universe was rewarding us for making a healthy choice. With kale, Lollo Rosso, and Romaine lettuce making a green bed for grapes, cucumber, green apple, and a sprinkling of goat cheese, this salad was the only truly guilt-free item we encountered. And yes, it made us feel temporarily virtuous... until the next course arrived.

The fritto misto – crispy fried prawns and calamari rings – felt like the salad's mischievous cousin. Paired with a tartar sauce that managed to be both tangy and creamy, these golden bites are essentially the reason napkins were invented. You will need them, and you will want them, because who can resist perfectly fried seafood?

Next up was the cheese garlic bread – warm, soft bread, slathered in mozzarella cheese, roasted garlic butter, and caramelised onion. It is indulgent, but in an 'I'm not apologising for this' kind of way.

Serious Slice
Hits: Peri peri chicken pizza, fritto misto, roasted chicken panuozzo
Misses: None
Price for two: ₹800 (approx)

EATING OUT

And now, the pizzas. Serious Slice serves up some delicious pies, and picking a favourite is hard. The farmhouse burrata pizza made a strong case for itself with its mix of tangy San Marzano sauce, sweet cherry tomatoes, and wild arugula. But the creamy burrata and the Kalamata olives steal the show – an unexpected yet good balance of sweet, salty, and creamy.

Then there is the spinach & ricotta pizza, which delivers in the flavour department but might seem a bit too healthy for pizza purists. The tomato sauce, mozzarella, baby spinach, and confit tomatoes are all perfectly fine. But it is the ricotta that adds a gentle, almost soothing touch.

For something more hot, the peri peri chicken pizza did the job. This pizza brings the heat with jalapenos and peri-peri chicken, tempered by a generous swirl of sour cream. It is the kind of dish that makes you think, 'Oh, I'm definitely going to regret this later,' but you take another bite anyway because it is just that good.

Just when we thought we could not handle any more, the roasted chicken panuozzo arrived. This Italian sandwich, stuffed with roasted chicken, provolone cheese, jalapenos, and caramelised onions, was the kind of carb-heavy goodness you turn to when you need comfort food but still want to feel a little fancy. It is fresh, it is toasty, and the pizza dough base makes it extra special.

Now, onto dessert, which we did not plan on having, but we are unenlightened souls who easily yield to temptation. The classic cheesecake was everything a cheesecake should be: smooth, rich, and baked to perfection with a strawberry compote that added just the right amount of zing. The tiramisu followed suit, layering bold coffee flavours with velvety mascarpone. Both desserts somehow expanded our stomachs, and we pretended calories were a myth.

The ambience at Serious Slice is relaxed, with an airy interior and an open kitchen that allows you to see your pizza being crafted. On a quiet mid-week afternoon, the place was near-empty, which only added to the laid-back vibe. There is no story here, no gimmicks to be found – just good food in a pleasant setting. And frankly, that is enough, isn't it?

Five killed in Kerala as lorry runs over people

The Hindu Bureau
THRISSUR

In a tragic incident at Nattika in Thrissur district of Kerala, a lorry carrying timber ploughed into a group of people who were asleep on the roadside, killing five of them, including two children. Eleven of those who were injured in the accident have been admitted to hospitals.

The victims were part of a group of nomads who had been sleeping by the side of the National Highway bypass. The accident occurred at 3.50 a.m. on Tuesday. The deceased have been identified as Kaliyappan, 50, Bangazhi, 20, Nagamma, 39, Jeevan, 4, and Vishu, 1.

The lorry, which was transporting timber from Kannur to Kochi, lost control while proceeding from the National Highway onto the bypass.

It is reported that the driver failed to notice a diversion sign put up at the construction site of the National Highway and drove the vehicle in the wrong direction, causing it to break through the barricades and crash into the sleeping group. A resident, who saw one of the injured running and screaming for help, alerted the local people who reported the incident to the police.

The police have filed a case of murder and have taken the lorry driver and the cleaner into custody.

Preliminary investigation indicates that both the accused were drunk at the time of accident.

Kerala BJP rules out strife in party; to assess bypoll losses

State leadership will meet on December 7 and 8 in Kochi to discuss the defeat; BJP State chief Surendran says there will be no change in Kerala leadership, blames media for 'fabricating' stories

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala leadership of the BJP dispelled reports of internal rumblings in the party as the State executive meeting held here on Tuesday decided to analyse the setback in the byelection held in the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency and the Palakkad and Chelakkara Assembly segments.

A State leadership meet to be held here on December 7 and 8 will discuss the reports to be submitted by the district presidents of the party as per the data collected from each election booth. BJP State president K. Surendran rejected the reports about a possible leadership change in the Kerala unit for the poll debacle in Palakkad and blamed the media for fabricating stories to tarnish the party.

BJP leaders V. Muraleedharan, Sobha Surendran and K. Surendran at the State committee meeting in Kochi on Tuesday. H. VIBHU

BJP leaders P.K. Krishnadas, M.T. Ramesh, and A.N. Radhakrishnan did not attend the meeting. However, Mr. Surendran denied rumours that they had stayed away as a mark of protest against his leadership and recalled that several leaders had remained absent in earlier meetings for various reasons. He also rejected reports that the State unit had lodged a complaint with the central leadership seeking action against the party councillors in the Palakkad municipality for their alleged non-cooperation in the byelection.

CPI(M), BJP spar in council meet

A municipal council meeting held in Palakkad on Tuesday plunged into turmoil over BJP candidate C. Krishnakumar's defeat in the Assembly bypoll. CPI(M) councillors provoked BJP by daring them to prove where the BJP votes had gone. BJP retorted saying that the CPI(M) had no right to ask that.

A.P. to explore possibility to cancel Adani's power deal

Reuters
HYDERABAD

The Andhra Pradesh government is reviewing government files and will explore if it is possible to cancel a power supply contract linked to the Adani Group, whose billionaire founder has been indicted in the United States, a top official told *Reuters*.

U.S. authorities have charged Gautam Adani and seven others with agreeing to pay bribes of $265 million to unnamed Indian government officials to obtain solar power-supply contracts in Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and the federal territory of Jammu and Kashmir, between 2021 and 2022.

Most of the alleged bribes – $228 million – were paid to a government official to get Andhra Pradesh's State electricity distribution companies to agree to purchase power, stated the U.S. indictment. Adani Group has said the allegations are baseless.

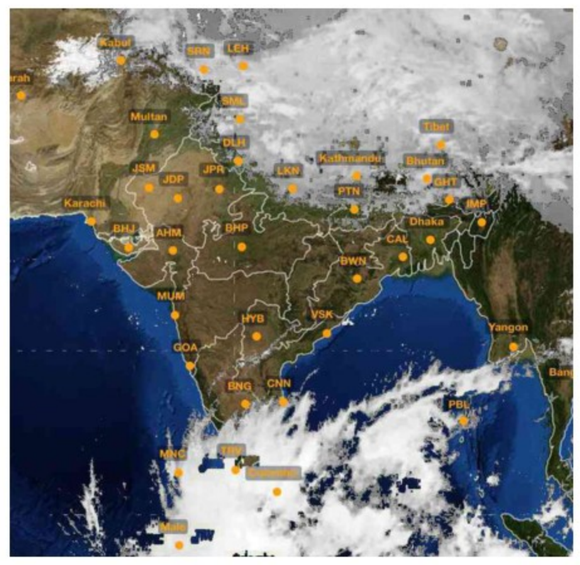
Andhra Pradesh government was "digging into all the internal files" from the previous administration, under which the alleged misconduct took place, State Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav told *Reuters* on Monday.

A spokesperson for the Adani Group did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The previous Andhra Pradesh ruling party, YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), last week denied any wrongdoing.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh in night/morning hours

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.4	16.2	Kozhikode	—	33.8	26.4
Ahmedabad	—	32.0	15.9	Kurnool	—	32.0	19.8
Aizawl	—	28.4	13.0	Lucknow	—	27.6	14.1
Allahabad	—	29.0	14.0	Madurai	5	28.2	23.7
Bengaluru	—	24.4	18.4	Mangaluru	—	33.8	22.6
Bhopal	—	27.5	9.8	Mumbai	—	33.6	16.8
Bhubaneswar	—	29.3	15.2	Mysuru	—	28.0	18.5
Chandigarh	—	27.6	11.0	New Delhi	—	26.7	11.9
Chennai	41.8	26.1	25.6	Patna	—	27.7	16.8
Coimbatore	—	28.8	22.4	Port Blair	51	27.0	23.2
Dehradun	—	25.0	10.2	Puducherry	25	25.4	23.6
Gangtok	—	15.0	9.0	Pune	—	30.0	15.5
Goa	—	33.0	23.0	Raipur	—	29.8	14.3
Guwahati	—	28.0	15.1	Ranchi	—	24.8	11.2
Hubballi	—	30.0	15.0	Shillong	—	19.1	8.0
Hyderabad	—	29.8	14.8	Shimla	—	18.0	7.4
Imphal	—	24.7	10.1	Srinagar	—	14.8	0.7
Jaipur	—	28.0	13.5	Thiruvananthapuram	3	29.2	24.6
Kochi	—	29.6	25.8	Tiruchi	0.2	28.3	23.6
Kohima	—	18.7	6.4	Vijayawada	—	30.2	20.6
Kolkata	—	27.6	16.2	Visakhapatnam	—	29.4	23.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	5	17	21	251	187	
Bengaluru	16	5	39	113	102	
Chennai	15	30	26	253	147	
Delhi	19	55	44	338	351	
Hyderabad	7	92	44	164	150	
Kolkata	5	34	27	293	218	
Lucknow	10	37	61	328	338	
Mumbai	16	23	10	305	160	
Pune	—	53	60	228	155	
Visakhapatnam	8	39	35	197	130	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Durgapur, West Bengal recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 392 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 31

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SC seeks report on Pennaiyar water sharing between T.N. and Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Union government to place on record the report prepared by a committee negotiating a dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over the sharing of the Pennaiyar river water.

The matter was before a Bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti, which granted two weeks' time to the Union (which facilitated the mediation) to produce the Negotiation Committee's report.

The States had moved into the negotiation mode after Karnataka took the initiative, after the formation of the new government in the State in May 2023, to try and resolve the dispute through talks.

The court had in January 2024 directed the Union government to constitute a new negotiation committee under Section 4 of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act of 1956 to make a serious endeavour for a resolution between the two States.

In 2018, Tamil Nadu had moved the court against Karnataka's work on check dams and diversions' structures on the river. The State had told the Supreme Court that Karnataka had no right to utilise the waters of Pennaiyar river to the detriment of the people of Tamil Nadu. The flowing water of an inter-State river is a national asset and no single State can claim exclusive ownership of its water, Tamil Nadu had argued.

It had argued that an 1892 agreement over the water was "valid and binding" on the party States. It had said a river even included the stream, tributaries and other streams contributing water directly or indirectly into it.

INBRIEF

Congress to stage protest over Wayanad rehabilitation issue

The Congress said on Tuesday that it will launch protests, both inside and outside Parliament, under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi against the alleged indifference of the Centre to providing assistance to victims and survivors of the July 30 landslides in Wayanad. Kerala MLA T. Siddique said that despite Congress MP Rahul Gandhi raising the issue in the Lok Sabha twice, the government has yet to declare the landslides a national disaster or provide necessary relief and rehabilitation support for the survivors.

Two habitual offenders held for chain snatching

Probing a chain-snatching case in Bengaluru, the Nandini Layout police arrested two habitual offenders and recovered 113 gm of gold valuables worth ₹8.55 lakh from them.

The accused identified as Vasantharaju, 40, a resident of Bhadravati, and Atiqullah, 27, a resident of Shivamogga, had robbed homemaker Mangala, a resident of Shankar Nagar, while performing bhajans at the Ganesha temple on October 11. She was sitting close to a window when the duo snatched part of her gold chain through the window.

YSRCP leader Chevireddy and others booked under POCSO

The Tirupati Police have booked a case against former Chandragiri MLA Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy under the POCSO Act. The case has been slapped on the YSRCP leader for reportedly resorting to character assassination of a girl. An unconfirmed number of social media activists of the YSRCP were also learnt to have been booked under the case, which pertains to the controversial posts circulated by the party's accounts on the 'rape' of a girl in Tirupati district in the first week of November.

Winged beauties

Grabbing eyeballs: An artist giving finishing touches to a wall painting of two birds as part of the beautification works being taken up by the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, near the Raghavaiah Park in the city on Tuesday. K.V.S. GIRI

'Police prevented devotees from attending Pooram'

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Thiruvambady Devaswom has informed the Kerala High Court that devotees who came to attend the Thrissur Pooram were prevented, and the festival abruptly brought to a grinding halt by police personnel.

The police disrupted the holy procession (*ezhunnellippu*) and the road leading to Swaraj Ground was blocked, denying people the opportunity to view or participate in the procession. In addition, the police used physical force against members of the public and Pooram enthusiasts, leading to widespread discontent. No untoward incidents and crimes occurred during the Pooram that necessitated such police action.

Moreover, mahouts and their helpers were physically prevented from taking palm leaves to feed elephants. This incident was circulated on social media. Police personnel also wore footwear inside the temple, though the High Court had banned it. These show that the police acted arbitrarily and in an immature manner, it said.

ADGP seeks report on policemen's photo shoot at Sabarimala

The Hindu Bureau
PATHANAMTHITTA

Kerala Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) S. Sreejith on Tuesday called for a detailed report regarding an incident at Sabarimala where 30 police officers on duty posed for a photo on the holy 18 steps at the Sannidhanam with their backs to the temple.

The controversial incident occurred on Sunday. The image, which quickly went viral on social media, triggered criticism, with some accusing the personnel of disrespecting the sanctity of the temple.

According to sources, the photo shoot happened around 1.30 p.m. after the temple closed. "These officers were stationed for duty at the holy 18 steps and it appears that the photo was captured by a mediaperson present at the Sannidhanam," said sources.

Thirty police personnel standing at the Sannidanam at Sabarimala on Sunday.

'Caste census will be third big movement by Congress'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has described the Congress resolve to take up the nationwide caste census as the "third mass movement" towards social justice that will be ushered in by the party as and when it comes to power.

Former PMs Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi led the first phase of social change with steps like implementation of rule of reservation for SC, ST communities and nationalisation of banks. Rajiv Gandhi ushered in social justice 2.0 through Mandal Commission report and voting right at the age of 18.

Charges framed against ex-IG in sexual harassment case

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The XI Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Chennai has framed charges against retired Tamil Nadu Inspector-General of Police S. Murugan in connection with a sexual harassment case filed by his former colleague.

Complaint lodged

According to the prosecution, when Murugan was serving as Joint Director in the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) in Chennai in August 2018, he allegedly sexually harassed a woman officer in the rank of Superintendent of Police. She lodged a complaint against him, which was referred to the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), and a criminal case was registered by the Cyber Crime Cell of the CB-CID. The charge sheet was filed against Murugan last year.

S. Murugan has been accused of sexually harassing an officer in the rank of SP when he was Joint Director at DVAC in Chennai in Aug. 2018

The State government allowed him to retire on the date of his superannuation, without prejudice to the pending judicial and disciplinary proceedings against him.

When the court recently took up the matter for the framing of charges against him, he failed to appear. The court, therefore, issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against him last Friday. On Monday, he surrendered before XI Metropolitan Magistrate N. Sultan Aribeen, who allowed his petition seeking a recall of the NBW and proceeded with the framing of charges against him.

Denies charges

The magistrate read out the charges against him one by one, and the accused denied all of them. The court framed charges against him under Sections 342 (wrongful confinement) and 354 (assault or use of criminal force against a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act.

Timely reiteration

Verdict on amendments to Preamble is a reminder of worth of secular values

The Supreme Court of India has done well to rebuff an attempt to question the characterisation of the country as 'secular' and 'socialist' in the amended Preamble to the Constitution. Sections of the right wing have been uneasy for long about the identification of secularism as one of the attributes of India. This opposition has acquired traction among those who see the combination of the state not favouring or opposing any religion and the constitutional protection for minorities as something that renders the polity "pseudo-secular". The original assumption of the makers of the Constitution was that the Constitution – with its emphasis on equality before law and equal treatment of all sections, besides the incorporation of the right to profess, practise and propagate any religion and freedom of belief and conscience in the fundamental rights chapter – is inherently secular. In terms of economic policy, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar opposed amendments to include the word 'socialist' by arguing that the Constituent Assembly should not tie down future generations to any particular form of economy. Therefore, the words did not form part of the Preamble adopted along with the Constitution in 1949, but were controversially added through the 42nd Amendment enacted during the Emergency. However, that may not be reason enough for the courts to strike down their inclusion based on writ petitions filed in 2020, about 44 years after the amendment.

The Court, in *S.R. Bommai* (1994), ruled that secularism is a basic feature of the Constitution. In another case, it said: "Secularism essentially represents the nation's commitment to treat persons of all faiths equally and without discrimination." Regarding the term 'socialist', it is clear that its presence in the Preamble has not been an impediment to adoption of laws or policies and practices that open up sectors of the economy to open market competition. As the Bench of Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar has pointed out, India has developed its own interpretation of secularism, "wherein the State neither supports any religion nor penalises the profession and practice of any faith". Similarly, the term 'socialism' embodies "the principle of economic and social justice, wherein the State ensures that no citizen is disadvantaged due to economic or social circumstances". The Court has not countenanced the argument that the inclusion of these words came during the Emergency, when Parliament's term was extended, noting that this aspect was debated in Parliament in 1978 when the 44th Amendment Act was considered. As the Constitution completes 75 years of existence, the verdict upholding the inclusion of the terms 'secular' and 'socialist' amounts to a timely reiteration of these fundamental attributes.

Scot-free

Donald Trump starts second term with a clean slate after major legal reprieve

President-elect Donald Trump has won a major legal reprieve after Special Counsel Jack Smith of the Department of Justice (DOJ) moved to drop the prosecution against him for attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 election – a request granted by the District Judge hearing the case. Mr. Trump, who was in office until 2021, faced criminal charges for encouraging a violent mob to attack the U.S. Capitol on January 6 of that year. Judge Tanya Chutkan said that she had dismissed the election interference charges "without prejudice", which suggests that a future prosecution might be on the cards after Mr. Trump's second term, and when his legal immunity ends. Mr. Smith has also filed motions to drop all federal charges against Mr. Trump that relate to his "mishandling" of classified documents and attempts to obstruct law enforcement officers seeking evidence. Mr. Smith noted that the DOJ "forbids the federal indictment and subsequent criminal prosecution of a sitting President", while adding the decision not to proceed with the indictments and trials was "not based on the merits or strength of the case against the defendant." Two additional cases of criminal indictments are also now in legal limbo. A case on election interference in Georgia has been paused pending an appeals court decision, and in the New York case in which Mr. Trump was convicted on fraud charges linked to paying off an adult film star for her silence over an alleged affair, his conviction has been indefinitely delayed.

Mr. Trump, who was impeached twice on charges relating to his role in the 2021 insurrection and for pressuring Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to investigate President Joe Biden's son Hunter for corruption, has now effectively been given a clean slate for his second-term agenda. Mr. Trump's resounding win earlier this month suggests that a majority of voters were not swayed by the ongoing cases and the nearly 100 charges that he faced. Now, armed with the confidence of a significant number of supporters, he has a free hand to shape the domestic and foreign policy paradigms with the help of Republican lawmakers who control both Houses of the U.S. Congress and conservatives who dominate the Supreme Court. The question that more than 74 million Americans who voted for his rival, Vice President and Democrat candidate Kamala Harris, must be wondering about is whether Mr. Trump will proceed further down a divisive path on sensitive issues such as immigration, reproductive rights and the economy, or whether, with less to lose now than ever before, he might strike a more bipartisan note and build bridges with his political opposition for the betterment of all.

From a republic to a republic of unequals

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Constitution day on November 26, 2024 marked 75 years of the adoption of the Constitution and constitutional governance in independent India. The Constituent Assembly debates show the intellectual engagement of leaders from a spectrum of ideologies, right wing to left wing, in building a single political identity that was accommodative of the interests and rights of multiple cultural groups.

The Constitution-makers accepted the liberal framework, but wanted the state to play a positive role in intervening and reducing inequality due to poor social indicators at the time of Independence. With liberalism, as a political ideology, there was an insistence that there should be freedom for citizens to carry out activities without any state interference. There was the belief that only in a free environment could human potentialities, be they intellectual, moral and physical, be realised. Thus, liberty became the core value of liberalism.

The Indian Constitution makers agreed to create a liberal political state in India. But considering the social and economic inequalities, they felt that a complete withdrawal of the state would perpetuate the existing inequalities and worsen it further. So, it was that the state should be given a positive role to intervene and create conditions for everyone to participate equally in the development process. Thus, affirmative action and reservation policies to treat unequals in an unequal manner to achieve the constitutional vision of equality have become an important aspect of the Indian Constitution.

An egalitarian outlook

Its vision of equality aims to create an egalitarian society to minimise economic inequalities among the people. Reflecting John Rawls' egalitarian liberalism, including the three important principles of equal basic liberties, equal opportunities and difference, the Constitution aims to create an egalitarian society. The fundamental rights in Part III and the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) in Part IV of the Constitution reflect all the above three principles of egalitarian liberalism. Thus egalitarian liberalism aims to reduce inequality and not create an absolute equal society. Article 38(2) of DPSP insists that the state shall strive to minimise the inequalities of income and eliminate inequalities in status, facilities and opportunities. The constitutional ideological framework lays emphasis on reducing inequalities and creating an egalitarian society based on equal opportunities and facilities through state intervention. Further, Article 39(c) emphasises that the economic system ought not to result in a concentration of wealth and means of production to the common detriment.

The Supreme Court of India has reiterated this principle in many of its judgments till the end of the 1990s. In *D.S. Nakara & Others vs Union Of India* (1982), the Court said that the basic framework of socialism in the Constitution is to provide a decent standard of life to the working people and social security from cradle to grave, reiterating the role of the welfare state in India. In *Air India Statutory Corporation vs United Labour Union & Ors* (1996), the Court said that the ideological aspects of the Indian Constitution found in the Preamble, Fundamental Rights and DPSP aim to establish an egalitarian social order, protecting social and economic justice and the dignity of individual by providing equality of status and opportunities.

> The neoliberal ideological order shadows the constitutional vision of creating an egalitarian social order in India

In *Samatha vs State of Andhra Pradesh & Ors.* (1997), the Court interpreted that the meaning of the word "socialism" in the Constitution is to reduce inequalities in income and provide equal opportunities and facilities to create an egalitarian social order. Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer's interpretation of Article 39(b) of the DPSP, in *State Of Karnataka And Anr Etc vs Shri Ranganatha Reddy & Anr. Etc*, that public and private resources fall within the ambit of community resources, was in line with the constitutional ideology of creating an egalitarian society by strengthening the state's power of redistribution of resources for common good towards reducing inequality.

But recently, the Court overturned this interpretation without locating it within Article 39(c), which empowers the state to intervene and regulate the economic system to prevent the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few towards creating an egalitarian society.

Economic reforms and inequality

After the adoption of neoliberal economic reforms in India, the constitutional ideology took a back seat and the idea of a welfare state as envisaged in the Constitution has withdrawn its commitments towards creating an egalitarian society. Lucas Chancel and Thomas Piketty from the Paris School of Economics have documented the rising inequality in India in their work, "Indian Income Inequality, 1922-2015: From British Raj to Billionaire Raj?" (2019).

Their research shows that the top 1% of earners had a share of less than 21% of total income in the 1930s. But after Independence, due to welfare state intervention, based on constitutional ideology, this gap reduced where the top 1% earners had a share of 6% of the total income in the 1980s.

After the implementation of neoliberal reforms in the 1990s, there were major structural changes that happened in the Indian economy, which prioritised private capital investment and a slow withdrawal of the welfare interventionist state. The state took the positive role of creating and strengthening markets rather than working towards creating an egalitarian society, as envisaged in the Constitution. As a consequence of this, the top 1% income has reached 22% of the total income pushing back to an inequality situation worse than that in the pre-Independence period. They reiterated this inequality status in their recent research in 2024 emphasising that the top 1% of income and wealth shares have reached 22.6% and 40.1% by 2022-23, which is considered very high.

The "State of Inequality in India Report" (2022), prepared by the Institute for Competitiveness (commissioned by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister), highlighted the Periodic Labour Force Survey 2019-20, which recorded that average monthly wages of ₹25,000 (₹3 lakh an annum) is being earned by the top 10% and the remaining 90% earn less than ₹.25,000 a month. This shows extreme inequality and how the majority are being pushed into poverty, violating constitutional ideology.

An overlap with social inequality

Further, the report titled "Towards Tax Justice and Wealth redistribution in India" (2024 by the World Inequality Lab at the Paris School of Economics), has brought in evidence to show how economic inequality and social inequality overlap in India. By 2022-23, 90% of the billionaire wealth was held by the upper castes in India. Scheduled Tribes are not present in billionaire wealth. Other Backward Classes (OBC) have a mere 10% presence and Scheduled Castes have a 2.6% representation in billionaire wealth. The report further emphasises that between 2014 and 2022, the OBC share has reduced from 20% to 10% and upper caste share has increased from 80% to 90% in billionaire wealth. The upper castes are the only group which owns wealth more than its proportion of population, reiterating how social capital and economic advantages are overlapping in India. Further, Oxfam International highlights the rise in the number of billionaires from nine in the year 2000 to 119 in 2023. It further compares income inequality and shows that it will take 941 years for a minimum wage earner to earn what a top corporate executive earns a year in India.

The constitutional vision of creating an egalitarian social order by minimising income inequality and eliminating social inequality is under threat from the neoliberal ideological order. Violating the constitutional ideology, inequality levels are widening, strengthening wealth concentration among the few. Further, social inequality overlaps with economic inequality to give the upper castes a greater advantage in contemporary India. Constitution Day has passed, but there is an opportunity for us to critically evaluate our political and economic practices within the constitutional framework, to assess our achievements and failures, reiterating Babasaheb's words that social and economic inequality will put political democracy in peril.

An ideal way to treat India's corneal blindness problem

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Despite strong support for eye donation in India, with millions, including popular film actors, pledging to donate, an acute shortage of corneas persists. There is a need to perform about 1,00,000 corneal transplants every year, but only 30% of this need is being met. On the demand side, many fellow citizens lead a lifetime of avoidable sight loss, waiting for sight-restoring tissue. The solution on the supply side are the millions dying in Indian hospitals every day who are eligible to donate their tissues – but do not. What if we 'presume consent' and treat them all as cornea donors? News reports note that, indeed, a 'presumed consent' amendment to the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA), 1994, is in the works to allow cornea retrieval from all eligible deaths in hospitals.

The magnitude of the problem

Indian policymakers are seriously considering the 'presumed consent' approach to corneal donations because of the scale of the problem. The cornea is the thin, clear outer layer of the eye. Infection, accidents, or congenital conditions can turn it opaque. Corneal opacities are the second major cause of blindness in India among those who are 50 years and older, and the primary cause in those younger. An estimated 1.2 million people live with corneal opacities in India and about a third can be treated with a corneal transplant. These numbers make India one of the largest populations with corneal blindness in the world. However, most corneal blindness is preventable or treatable. For those eligible for treatment, corneal transplant surgery is an effective intervention. In fact, it is the most frequently performed transplant in the world. Critical to enabling corneal transplants is an 'eye bank', which handles ethically sourced corneas, processes them, and makes them available to eye surgeons. India does not have enough eye banks of the necessary standard, nor does it have enough corneal surgeons. Along with procuring corneas, it is estimated that there is a need for 50 high-functioning eye banks (there are about 12 to 14 today) and 500 active corneal surgeons performing 200 transplants on average every year. With appropriate legislation enabling this approach, the target of 1,00,000 corneal transplants a year can be reached.

> A 'consent-driven donation' approach is a step that can eliminate avoidable corneal vision loss

Presumed consent versus required request

'Presumed consent' addresses the problem of cornea scarcity alone. At first glance, it eliminates a lot of red tape: the permissions, the wait for a post-mortem examination, even the effort of convincing the next-of-kin. Unless the deceased has left behind explicit instructions 'not to donate' it is presumed that they are a tissue donor. As corneas need to be retrieved within eight to 10 hours after death, reducing any delay increases the viability of the donated tissue. Universal 'opt-in' should boost the supply of corneas and bring us closer to eliminating corneal blindness in India.

The universal opt-in approach runs the risk of undermining a key enabler of corneal donations: consent. Corneal donation and transplantation are a sensitive partnership between the public, the corneal specialist community, and the policymakers. The public consists of cornea donors who voluntarily donate corneas, and recipients, who value the donation and comply with follow-up care. Corneal specialists facilitate this transaction with their skills. Policymakers support this healthy cycle with appropriate legislation.

Presumed consent distorts this partnership by negating the need for seeking consent from the next of kin. While it might speed up cornea retrieval, there is little evidence that such a law is necessary to solve the problem of corneal scarcity. The countries with the best organ donation rates in the world (Spain, the United States and Portugal) do not operate a 'presumed consent' system. They have a policy of 'soft' opt-in or a 'Required Request' policy and seek formal consent from families before acquiring corneas – even if all citizens may be deemed as donors. In addition to 'required request', the key to their success is public education and investments across the cornea transplantation pipeline.

A model that works

India too has a successful model of 'required request' corneal donation: a hospital cornea retrieval programme (HCRP). General hospitals handle a lot of mortality and are thus sites for motivating corneal donations. In an HCRP, a grief counsellor approaches the kin of the deceased and initiates a conversation, gently motivating them to consider a donation. The donation is processed only after receiving explicit consent from the kin. While it is a delicate task, grief counselling has had remarkable success in increasing the availability of corneas for transplantation.

Of the 1,40,000 corneas harvested by the Ramayamma International Eye Bank at the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) in Hyderabad, in 35 years, over 70% have come from HCRP. This year, the LVPEI marked over 50,000 corneal transplants performed, thanks to this approach. In the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha, there is no waiting list for corneal transplants, unlike other parts of the country with months-long waiting lists. It has also been found that the 'Required Request' approach encourages cornea donation. It offers some closure to grieving relatives. Donor families often mention the satisfaction in knowing that their loved ones' eyes live on, letting others see.

It is therefore possible for India to eliminate avoidable corneal vision loss by investing in a consent-driven donation paradigm, 50 high-functioning eye banks, and by activating 500 corneal surgeons. Let us act now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Court on the Preamble

The highest court's verdict on the petitions challenging the inclusion of the words 'secular' and 'socialist' in the Preamble to the Constitution is a triumph for all right-thinking citizens of this nation (Front page, "'Secular, socialist' to stay in Constitution's Preamble: SC", November 26).

Secularism has been an enduring principle of governance since Independence, even if some governments have not fully honoured it. It has served the nation well, safeguarding our pluralistic ethos and fostering harmony. Preserving this ideal is essential to avoiding the upheaval that its erosion would undoubtedly bring.

As for 'socialism', the petitioners appear to have misunderstood its intent, conflating it with the authoritarianism of Stalin's USSR or Mao's China. However, as the Court aptly observed, Indian socialism has always been about ensuring the welfare of the needy, a compassionate principle that has strengthened the fabric of our democracy. There is nothing in it to fear or oppose.

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Ever since the advent of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 and related technical expertise, the solutions suggested have only existed on paper. There has hardly been a paradigm shift in technology adoption, enforcement or farmer mindset. Feeble fines and flying squads are a regrettable excuse for having an inert tax-payer funded commission. That satellite data is disputed is a major problem. Citizens meanwhile stare into a toxic haze of uncertainty.

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Between hope and hurdles on the high seas

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India's signing of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement has won praise but there is also scepticism as there are structural complexities and challenges

India's recent signing of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement – better known as the High Seas Treaty – has drawn both praise and scepticism from maritime observers. Hailed as a landmark step in ocean governance, the treaty seeks to protect marine ecosystems and promote the sustainable use of resources in areas beyond national jurisdiction. However, despite its laudable intentions to address critical gaps in international maritime regulation, the pact's structural complexities and potential challenges warrant examination.

As the third implementing agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the BBNJ treaty follows earlier accords on deep-sea mining and fisheries management. Its provisions focus on three objectives: conserving marine biodiversity, ensuring equitable sharing of benefits from marine genetic resources, and mandating environmental impact assessments for harmful activities. Yet, like many ambitious multilateral agreements, it risks faltering against geopolitical rivalries, jurisdictional overlap, and weak enforcement mechanisms.

Fraught with challenges

The treaty's ambitious goals are tempered by its lack of a clear implementation roadmap. With only 14 of its 104 signatories having ratified the agreement, it remains far from the required threshold of 60 needed to come into force. Much of the hesitation stems from disputes over maritime territories, particularly in regions such as the South China Sea, where overlapping claims complicate consensus on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Southeast Asian nations remain divided on whether high-seas "national parks" could affect territorial claims or limit economic opportunities for coastal communities that depend on marine resources. Bay of Bengal states echo similar apprehensions about MPAs affecting livelihood and resource access, underscoring the broader regional hesitations surrounding the treaty's implementation. Critics argue that the treaty's emphasis on the "high-seas principle" risks overshadowing the "common heritage of mankind" concept, which prioritizes preservation over access. One of the treaty's most contentious provisions involves marine genetic resources. The treaty obligates nations to share the profits derived from exploiting these resources through a global fund. However, without robust accountability measures, this provision risks being undermined by wealthier nations underreporting their activities. The pact also risks conflicting with regimes like the Convention on Biological Diversity, potentially disadvantaging smaller states and fragmenting enforcement.

Capacity-building and technology transfers present yet another challenge for low and middle-income countries. The treaty calls for equitable partnerships in ocean science, but lacks enforceable mechanisms, leaving less capable nations vulnerable to being sidelined. Asymmetry threatens to perpetuate inequalities in maritime research and governance.

The treaty's focus on the high seas overlooks the interconnectedness of marine ecosystems, where harmful activities in EEZs often cascade into international waters. The 2021 *X-Press Pearl* disaster off Sri Lanka, which spilled hazardous chemicals into the Indian Ocean, is a stark reminder of how localised incidents can have global repercussions. Similarly, overfishing within the EEZs in West Africa has depleted fish stocks far beyond national jurisdictions, exacerbating marine resource scarcity on the high seas

While the BBNJ Agreement aspires to reshape global ocean governance, its potential hinges on bridging the gap between ambition and action. Its greatest limitation lies in failing to reconcile high-seas governance with coastal regulations, assuming international waters can be managed in isolation despite the impact of pollution, overfishing, and habitat destruction in EEZs.

More troubling is the reluctance of coastal states to assume greater responsibility for activities within their waters. While the treaty mandates environmental impact assessments (EIAs) for planned activities, it remains silent on the damaging harms during oil and gas exploration – that the pact does not cover – and which constitutes an important economic interest of states. This gap, compounded by the disinclination of states to accept an international review of EIAs, exposes the inherent weaknesses in the treaty's enforcement framework, particularly in regions with weak institutional capacity and conflicting domestic and international legal standards.

Bridging the divide

For the High Seas Treaty to succeed, it must overcome its structural and political limitations. This requires a radical shift in maritime governance – one that integrates high-seas and coastal regulations into a cohesive framework. Coastal states, particularly those in the Global South, need incentives to align their domestic laws with international norms, while wealthier nations must commit to providing technical and financial support to ensure the treaty's benefits are equitably shared.

The treaty's success ultimately hinges on fostering a collective commitment among nations to safeguard the oceans as a shared global resource. Without political consensus, clear strategies, and enforceable mechanisms, the BBNJ risks becoming an ineffective instrument – an outcome the oceans, already under immense stress, cannot afford.

The return of the Adani solar beam

Adani's indictment, by the U.S., finds resonance in the State's political discourse

STATE OF PLAY

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Nearly 10 years after (now Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, or DMK's president) M.K. Stalin had kicked up a row over the move by the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) to buy solar power from the Adani Group – Jayalalithaa of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) was the Chief Minister then – the Adani affair has come back to haunt Mr. Stalin.

In July 2015, Mr. Stalin, who was in the Opposition and the DMK's treasurer, wanted then Energy Minister Natham R. Viswanathan to explain the determination of the purchase price of ₹7.01 per unit for solar power from the group, which had quoted ₹6.049 per unit in Madhya Pradesh.

In the run-up to the 2016 Assembly poll too, Mr. Stalin had alleged that there was corruption behind the conglomerate's plan to set up a 648-megawatt solar power plant in Kamudhi, Ramanathapuram district.

The controversy follows the U.S. Department of Justice's criminal indictment of the chairman of the Adani Group Gautam Adani and several of his associates recently. Announced by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York last week, the indictment mentions Tamil Nadu as one of the States whose electricity distribution companies had signed agreements with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a central government enterprise, for Adani-provided solar power. The group is alleged to

have put forth the "promise of bribes" to Indian government officials between July 2021 and February 2022.

Government's clarification

Hours after the issue erupted on November 21, 2024, the DMK regime, which came to power in May 2021, fielded Electricity Minister V. Senthilbalaji to issue a clarification. He was on record to say that there was "no commercial link" with the group over the last three years, and "no link whatsoever" in any manner with the group.

Explaining that the State government had entered into memoranda of understanding with entities falling under the control of the Union Power Ministry to procure electricity, Mr. Senthilbalaji explained that the State utility's agreement was only with the SECI to purchase electricity for 1,500 MW at ₹2.61 per unit, which was "very low". Mr. Senthilbalaji himself was recently re-inducted in the State Cabinet as Electricity Minister after having been in remand for about 470 days in connection with a money laundering case.

The latest development involving the Adani Group has prompted the Communist Party of India (Marxist), a DMK ally, to demand a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation; it even staged a demonstration in Chennai in support of its demand. The General Secretary of the CPI, another ally of the DMK, D. Raja, said that the American indictment called in question not only the personal integrity of Mr. Adani and his business empire but also the integrity of Indian watchdogs and the administration under which "such unethical practices" were flourishing.

The AIADMK chief, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, has been quiet even though he could have gone to town with an issue to target his principal adversary, the DMK (and Mr. Stalin), as well as the national party, the Bharatiya Janata Party, with whom he fell out about 15 months ago. Mr. Palaniswami has been consistent in maintaining that there will be no truck with the national party for the 2026 Assembly poll. It was left to Pattali Makkal Katchi founder S. Ramadoss and Naam Tamilar Katchi coordinator Seeman to raise questions over the purported Adani-Stalin meeting in Chennai four months ago. Mr. Seeman, who has been saying that he will go it alone for the 2026 Assembly poll, appears to be on the same page as the AIADMK on one issue – on the "tacit understanding" between the DMK and the BJP.

Backing his Minister's observations on the issue, Mr. Stalin has dismissed the question on the 'meeting' with Mr. Adani. He said Dr. Ramadoss did not have "any work to do". He went on to say that as Dr. Ramadoss had been issuing statements one after the other, there was "no necessity" to reply to his query.

With the principal Opposition party appearing to be unwilling to act, the Adani issue may not acquire much strength to target the DMK. It is expected to fizzle out.

In NPP win, signs of inclusive and collaborative politics

The coalition won more than 50% of the vote share in 16 of the 22 electoral districts in Sri Lanka

DATA POINT

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The takeaway is clear – in the recent parliamentary poll in Sri Lanka, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP)-led National People's Power (NPP), a coalition comprising civil society groups and trade unions, now has a pan-Sri Lanka appeal. Since the introduction of the Proportional Representation system in 1978, no Sinhala-majority political formation has been able to gain a foothold in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, where ethnic minorities live in large numbers, to the extent that the NPP did this time. Perhaps, this is a development that may take the country, once battered by an ethnic conflict, towards political integration.

The fray in the presidential poll was evenly balanced, with candidates of the NPP and Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) and an independent, Ranil Wickremesinghe, battling it out. In November though, the NPP enjoyed a clear advantage from the beginning as the fragmented SJB did not even put up the semblance of a fight. While many observers predicted that the NPP would be well ahead, it went on to bag an over two-thirds majority. In 2020, the NPP's vote share did not cross the 10% mark in any of the 22 electoral districts. The coalition received the most votes in Hambantota (8.4%) and Matara (7.8%), both from the Southern Province. Overall, the NPP received only 3.8% of the total votes polled (**Table 1**).

Even in the 2024 presidential poll, when the JVP's chief Anura Kumara Dissanayake emerged as the winner, he did not cross the 50% mark in the first round (excluding preferences). In the presidential poll, the party's vote share was in single digits in the Northern Province (Jaffna and Vanni districts). In only four districts, Galle, Matara and Hambantota, and Gampaha, the vote share exceeded the 50% mark. But, in the 2024 parliamentary polls, the NPP's vote share exceeded 50% in 16 electoral districts.

The NPP's recent victory is much bigger than the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP)'s victory in the 2020 Parliamentary poll (**Table 2**). The NPP's vote share saw a 19.3-percentage point rise (from 42.3% to 61.7%) in the 2024 parliamentary polls, compared with the 2024 presidential polls. Whereas the SLPP's vote share increased only by 6.8 percentage points (52.3% to 59.1%) in the 2020 parliamentary polls compared with the 2019 presidential polls. Moreover, unlike the NPP, the SLPP, four years ago, was in an electoral adjustment with smaller parties in many districts. Interestingly, the SLPP, then, did not put up a candidate in Jaffna, unlike the present ruling formation which contested everywhere now.

Another important factor was the NPP dislodging an established party, the Illankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi (ITAK), in four out of five districts in the Northern and Eastern provinces.

Table 3 shows the downward trend of the ITAK in the five districts, with a marginally upward movement in Digamadulla (Muslims have a sizeable presence) and Batticaloa (Hindus/Tamils constitute the majority). The NPP's performance in Jaffna in the 2024 parliamentary poll, was stronger than that of the ITAK.

Sections of political experts are of the view that the voters in the North, especially in Jaffna, are coming out of the grip of forces of Tamil nationalism which have been harping on political settlement at the cost of livelihood issues. The ruling coalition's themes such as anti-corruption and its emphasis on a comprehensive reform agenda for the country have gained currency among substantial sections of voters in the ethnic minorities-dominant areas too. The key message was that the minorities have begun seeing the coalition as a qualitative alternative.

Breaking new ground

The data for the tables were sourced from the Election Commission of Sri Lanka

The first move: Sri Lanka's President Anura Kumara Dissanayake casts his vote in the country's parliamentary election

Table 3: The table shows the Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi (ITAK)'s performance in the north and east (figures in %)

Electoral district	2020 parliamentary poll	2024 parliamentary poll
Jaffna	31.5	19.5
Vanni	33.6	15.2
Trincomalee	18.6	16.7
Digamadulla	6.5	9.3
Batticaoloa	26.7	33.8

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Table 1: The table shows the performance of the National People's Power (figures in %)

Electoral district	2020 parliamentary poll	2024 presidential poll	2024 parliamentary poll
Colombo	5.7	47.2	68.6
Gampaha	5.0	55.5	72.8
Kalutara	4.8	47.4	66.1
Kandy/ Mahanuwara	2.8	42.3	64.6
Matale	2.6	41.4	66.2
Nuwaraeliya	1.2	22.2	41.6
Galle	4.9	51.5	68.1
Matara	7.8	52.5	69.8
Hambanatota	8.4	52.0	66.4
Jaffna	0.2	7.3	24.9
Vanni	0.3	9.9	20.4
Batticaloa	0.1	12.2	19.3
Digamadulla	1.3	25.7	40.3
Trincomalee	1.1	20.8	42.5
Kurunegala	3.7	48.2	69.6
Puttalam	2.6	44.1	63.1
Anuradhapura	4.8	47.4	67.2
Polonnaruwa	2.8	46.1	68.7
Badulla	3.9	34.7	58.6
Monaragala	4.1	41.9	64.3
Ratnapura	2.7	39.3	61.8
Kegalle	2.8	43.4	64.8
Overall	3.8	42.3	61.6

Table 2: The table shows the performance of the Sri Lanka Podhujana Perumana (figures in %)

Electoral district	2019 presidential poll	2020 parliamentary poll
Colombo	53.2	57.0
Gampaha	59.3	65.8
Kalutara	59.5	64.1
Kandy/ Mahanuwara	50.4	58.8
Matale	55.4	65.5
Nuwaraeliya	36.9	54.5
Galle	64.3	70.5
Matara	67.3	73.6
Hambantota	66.2	75.1
Jaffna	6.2	N.A*
Vanni	12.3	20.5
Batticaloa	12.7	11.2
Digamadulla	32.8	32.7
Trincomalee	23.4	32.3
Kurunegala	57.9	66.9
Puttalam	50.8	57.3
Anuradhapura	59.0	68.0
Polonnaruwa	53.0	73.7
Badulla	49.3	62.1
Monaragala	65.3	74.1
Ratnapura	59.9	68.9
Kegalle	55.7	66.3
Overall	52.3	59.1

*Not applicable. The SLPP did not field a candidate in Jaffna

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 27, 1974

U.S., U.K. Book Publishers 'Suppress Competition'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26

The U.S. Government has sued 21 major American publishers, accusing them of dividing up world book markers in a conspiracy with British publishers. The British Publishers Association, consisting of nearly all major publishers in the United Kingdom, was named as a co-conspirator but not as a defendant. The suit alleged that the U.S. defendants – including such publishing giants as McGraw-Hill, Macmillan Inc, Harper and Row, Crosset and Dunlap and Random House – had for 30 years worked out exclusive marketing territories throughout the world, eliminating U.S.-British competition in these countries.

When the same book was to be published in both countries, the American houses granted licences to British publishers, giving them exclusive rights for publication, distribution and sales in some 70 countries now or formerly members of the Commonwealth.

The British publishers reciprocated by agreeing not to publish the book in the U.S. and certain other countries, particularly Canada and the Philippines, the suit alleged.

The Justice Department charged that the method of slicing up markets to suppress competition among publishers deprived book buyers of the benefits that might flow from such competition. The suit urged the court to issue an injunction barring the defendants and alleged co-conspirators perpetually from restraining competition between American and British publishers. No damages were sought.

The U.S. exports books worth $250 millions (Rs. 200 crores) each year and imports books worth $140 million (Rs. 112 crores). The United Kingdom exports more than $165 millions (Rs. 132 crores) worth of books, the suit said.–Reuter.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 27, 1924

Cinchona in Bengal.

(Associated Press of India)

CALCUTTA, Nov. 26

The area under Cinchona plantation during last year in Bengal increased to 3,055 acres and further extension of the area is expected next year. Total products from local and Java bark at the Government factory were 58,822 lbs of which 43,264 lbs were quinine sulphate. The policy of the Government of Bengal is to maintain and, if possible, extend the cinchona plantations and at the same time to improve and develop the factory in order to meet the requirements of the Province.

From Page One

'Uphold Constitutional spirit working together'

The President also released a commemorative coin on the occasion and led the gathering in the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution.

Hailing the Constitution as a "living document", Ms. Murmu said framers of the Constitution were far-sighted to provide for a system that could adopt new ideas, reflecting the needs of changing times. "We have achieved many ambitious goals related to social justice and inclusive development through the Constitution," she said, adding that the aspirations of the people found expression in the many legislation enacted by Parliament and, during the past few years, the government took many steps for the development of all sections of society, especially the weaker ones. "Such decisions have improved the lives of the people and are providing them new opportunities for development," she said.

The President said the Constitution was the outcome of nearly three years of deliberations by some of the greatest minds but in the true sense, it was the outcome of the long freedom struggle.

"The ideals of that incomparable national movement came to be enshrined in the Constitution. Those ideals have been captured succinctly in the Preamble to the Constitution. They are justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. These ideals have defined India since the ages," she noted.

Mr. Dhankhar gave a call to parliamentarians to restore the "sanctity of our democratic temples through constructive dialogue, debate and meaningful discussion to serve our people effectively".

The Constitution's opening words – "We the People of India" – carry deep meaning, establishing citizens as the ultimate authority and Parliament serving as their voice, he said. "We must always put our nation first. We need to be on guard as never before," Mr. Dhankhar said.

Quoting Dr. Ambedkar's last address in the Constituent Assembly on November 25, 1949, the Vice-President said, "What perturbs me greatly is the fact that not only India has once before lost her independence but she lost it by the infidelity and treachery of some of her own people. Will history repeat itself?"

"It is this thought which fills me with anxiety. This anxiety is deepened by the realisation of the fact that, in addition to our old enemies in the form of castes and creeds, we are going to have many political parties with diverse and opposing political creeds. Will Indians place the country above their creed, or will they place their creed above the country?"

"I do not know. But this much is certain that if the parties place creed above country, our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time ," he further said, citing Dr. Ambedkar.

Succession row puts off government formation

While Mr. Shinde's supporters argue that he deserves another term as Chief Minister, sections within the BJP are pushing for Mr. Fadnavis to take charge.

Mr. Pawar's NCP, a crucial ally in the Mahayuti, is reportedly lobbying for key Cabinet portfolios.

A significant factor in the ongoing discussions is the Maratha community's demand for a Chief Minister from their ranks. Shiv Sena leader Sheetal Mhatre said that Mr. Shinde, being a Maratha leader, is the community's preferred choice. "He successfully provided 10% reservation to the Maratha community under the economically and socially backward category and supported initiatives like the Annasaheb Patil and Sarathi corporations," she said, adding that Mr. Shinde's leadership had played a key role in securing the community's backing for the Mahayuti in the Assembly election.

Shiv Sena Minister Deepak Kesarkar said that the Chief Minister's resignation was just a formality. "A new government will be formed soon. Tomorrow, the BJP is expected to hold a meeting to elect their legislative leader, after which the three leaders – Mr. Shinde, Mr. Fadnavis, and Mr. Pawar – will convene, discuss, and consult with the top leadership for the final decision," he said.

"The final decision will be made by Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah" Mr. Kesarkar said.

Khan's supporters take to Islamabad; six killed

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi threatened that security forces would respond with live fire if protesters fired weapons at them. "We have now allowed police to take any decision according to the situation," Mr. Naqvi said later while visiting the square.

Police so far have used tear gas in an attempt to disperse the crowds. The dead include four members of the security services and one civilian who were killed when a vehicle rammed them on a street overnight into Tuesday. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif denounced the attack, saying an "anarchist group" was deliberately targeting law enforcement personnel. There was no claim of responsibility for the ramming.

In a bid to foil the unrest, police have arrested more than 4,000 Khan supporters since Friday and suspended mobile and Internet services in some parts of the country and messaging platforms were also experiencing disruption.

EVMs are tampered when you lose, fine if you win: SC

Evangelist K.A. Paul says his visits abroad revealed that paper ballot system is being followed in democracies across the world; judge asks him if he wants to turn court into a political arena

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday indicated a level of hypocrisy attached to criticism about electronic voting machines, saying "EVMs are tampered when you lose and fine if you win".

The oral remark was made by Justice Vikram Nath before dismissing a petition filed by evangelist K.A. Paul, who sought a judicial order to return to paper ballots.

Justice Nath, during the hearing, asked Mr. Paul whether he wanted to turn the court into a political arena.

Mr. Paul said he was not playing any politics in court. He said his visits abroad to various countries revealed that the paper ballot system was being followed in democracies across the world.

He drew attention to the fact that the court was hearing his petition on Constitution Day.

Result ready: Polling officials carrying EVMs arrive at a counting centre in Ranchi, Jharkhand. PTI

The evangelist, appearing in person, said the Election Commission must be directed to disqualify candidates found distributing largesse, money, and liquor during elections for at least five years.

He said corruption amounted to violation of fundamental rights to equality, due process of law and free speech and expression.

In April, the Supreme Court had, in a judgment, upheld the EVM system of polling while refusing to revive paper ballots.

'Significant advantages'

"The weakness of the ballot paper system is well known and documented. Keeping in view the vast size of the Indian electorate of nearly 97 crore, the number of candidates who contest the elections, the number of polling booths where voting is held, and the problems faced with ballot papers, we would be undoing the electoral reforms by directing reintroduction of the ballot papers. EVMs offer significant advantages," the Supreme Court had reasoned in its verdict.

The court had observed that "blind distrust" of an institution or a system bred unwarranted scepticism and impeded progress.

In September 2023, the Election Commission of India had assured the apex court EVMs could neither be hacked nor tampered. In a 450-page affidavit, the top poll body had stated that EVMs were "totally stand-alone machines having one-time programmable chips".

The Bench dismissed Mr. Paul's petition.

HC seeks Centre's response to plea on Rahul's citizenship

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi

The Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court has asked the Centre to furnish details of the action taken on a complaint which raised questions about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Indian citizenship.

A Bench of Justices Attau Rahman Masoodi and Subhash Vidyarthi was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) petition filed by S. Vignesh Shishir, whose social media profile says he is a Bharatiya Janata Party member from Karnataka.

In his plea, Mr. Shishir submitted that he had sent a detailed representation-cum-complaint to the Foreigners Division of the Union Home Ministry requesting the authorities to cancel Mr. Gandhi's Indian citizenship under the relevant rules.

The plea alleged that Mr. Gandhi has British citizenship and sought a CBI probe. The petitioner urged the court to pass a direction to the Chief Election Commissioner to cancel Mr. Gandhi's electoral certificate.

The representation was moved following the dismissal of his previous PIL plea in which the court had asked him to approach the competent authority under Section 9(2) of the Citizenship Act, 1955, as far as it is permissible in law.

S.B. Pandey, Deputy Solicitor-General, submitted in the court that the representation made by the petitioner had been received in the Home Ministry and the same was under process.

"List this matter on December 19, 2024. The outcome of the representation shall be apprised to the court on the next date of listing," the court ordered.

CWC likely to debate poll debacle on Friday

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Following shock defeats in the Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly elections, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) has been convened on Friday to deliberate on the party's performance in these polls.

The party had questioned the counting process in both States after it lost the Assembly elections. On Tuesday, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge demanded that elections be conducted on ballot paper.

The party's top decision-making body will also deliberate over the preparations for the Delhi polls.

India expresses 'deep concern' over ISKCON leader's arrest in Bangladesh

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

A war of words broke out between India and Bangladesh after the External Affairs Ministry on Tuesday expressed "deep concern" over incidents targeting the minority communities in Bangladesh and termed the arrest and denial of bail for ISKCON leader Chinmoy Krishna Das "unfortunate".

In a statement issued after Mr. Das was sent to jail amid violent clashes in Chittagong, the Ministry came out in support of Mr. Das and called upon the interim government of Bangladesh to "ensure safety and security of Hindus and all minorities".

ISKCON leader Krishna Das Prabhu shows a victory sign as he is taken in a police van in Chattogram, Bangladesh, on Tuesday. AP

"We have noted with deep concern the arrest and denial of bail to Shri Chinmoy Krishna Das who is also the spokesperson of the Bangladesh Sammilit Sanatan Jagran Jote. This incident follows the multiple attacks on Hindus and other minorities by extremist elements in Bangladesh," said the Ministry in its statement.

'Internal affairs'

Soon after a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh noted that the Ministry had remarked "on a matter concerning internal affairs of Bangladesh", and said, "such unfounded statements not only misrepresent facts but also stand contrary to the spirit of friendship and understanding between the two neighbouring countries".

The interim government of Bangladesh which took charge after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government has been maintaining that the incidents targeting the minority communities are not widespread and in a recent interview with *The Hindu*, Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus cited the human rights background of his team consisting of advisers to argue that such claims of atrocities against minority communities in Bangladesh do not "fit" him.

Bengal BJP holds protest over ISKCON leader's arrest

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Demanding the release of ISKCON leader Chinmoy Krishna Das who was arrested in Bangladesh, the BJP's West Bengal unit on Tuesday held protests outside the Assembly and announced that party MLAs would stage a demonstration outside the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission here on Wednesday.

Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari said if Mr. Das was not released by Sunday, the BJP MLA from Bongaon would stage a demonstration at the International Check Post at Petrapole along the India-Bangladesh border.

Worker, farmer unions submit a 12-point charter of demands to President

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central trade unions and the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), a platform of about 500 farmers' outfits, held nationwide protests on Tuesday demanding a legalised minimum support price, and scrapping of the four Labour Codes.

The protesters submitted a 12-point charter of demands to President Droupadi Murmu, and sought her intervention to fulfil the promises made to peasants and workers by the Union government.

The 12-point charter includes implementation of the M.S. Swaminathan formula to decide the minimum support price, and a legally guaranteed procurement for all crops. They have also demanded the repeal of the four Labour Codes, and the end of contractualisation or outsourcing of labour in any form.

Leaders and activists of various trade unions protest, on the call given by the central trade unions, in Visakhapatnam. V. RAJU

"Implement National Minimum Wage of ₹26,000/month, and pension at the rate of ₹10,000/month and social security benefits for all workers including organised, unorganised, scheme workers and contract workers and agriculture sector," the demand charter said.

Demands loan waiver

The organisations have also demanded a comprehensive loan waiver for farmers and agricultural workers to end indebtedness and suicides. "Ensure credit facilities for farmers and workers at low interest rates," they demanded.

"No privatisation of Public Sector Undertakings and public services including Defence, Railways, Health, Education, Electricity. Scrap National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP). No prepaid smart meters, free power for agricultural pumps, 300 units of free electricity to domestic users and shops," they demanded.

The SKM and the CTUs have also demanded that the Digital Agriculture Mission, National Cooperation Policy, and agreements of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research with multinational companies must be scrapped.

Tribal council in Assam to send back Kuki migrants

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

A tribal council in Assam has decided to send back more than 1,000 Kuki-Zo people who came from ethnic violence-scarred Manipur.

Tuliram Ronghang, the chief executive member of the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC), said the Karbi Anglong district has no space for the "newly arrived migrants", indicating they settled down after the ethnic clashes between the non-tribal Meitei and the tribal Kuki-Zo people broke out in Manipur in May 2023.

"More than 1,000 Kukis from about 500 families came to the district recently. I have invited the Karbi Students' Union and Kuki village chiefs to a meeting day after tomorrow (Thursday) to discuss the matter so that we can give the migrants a good send-off," he said on the sidelines of an event in Howraghat.

"The Kukis are tribals but they cannot settle down here in Karbi Anglong," Mr. Ronghang said.

NIA begins probe into three Manipur violence cases

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has launched an investigation into three cases of violence in Manipur, including the abduction and killing of six women and children from Jiribam district on November 11.

The anti-terror agency re-registered three cases afresh on November 13 after the Union Home Ministry decided to hand over the cases to it considering the gravity of the offences.

"The objective is to unearth the larger conspiracy behind the brutal attacks," an NIA spokesperson said on Tuesday.

In the first case, houses were burnt and two civilians were killed in the Borobekra area of Jiribam district on November 11.

The second case is connected to the November 11 attack on a CRPF post at Jakuradhor Karong and the Borobekra police station, leading to a gunfight. A CRPF constable sustained injuries while 10 bodies of unidentified assailants were recovered.

The third case is related to the killing of a 31-year-old woman from Jiribam district's Zairawn village on November 7.

APPEAL

Pooja is 11 years suffering from Ewing Sarcoma and requires Chemotherapy, Radiation and surgery at **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research** Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is Rs.7,00,000/-. Her family is very poor and cannot afford this huge cost. Please help me to meet this crisis. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C No. 60182010063310, IFSC No. CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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A 'nation-first' spirit will keep Constitution alive, says Modi

Calling the document a 'guiding light', PM described it as a 'living stream' that has lived up to the needs and expectations of the country; he says the government has strengthened constitutional values by taking a host of welfare measures

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The spirit of "nation first" will keep alive the Constitution for centuries to come, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday as the government organised multiple events to start a year-long celebration to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution.

Addressing an event at the Supreme Court to mark Constitution Day, the Prime Minister described the Constitution as a "living stream" that has lived up to the needs and expectations of the country, including the challenge of Emergency in 1975.

Mr. Modi hailed the Constitution as a "guiding light" at a time of transformation for India and asserted that his government has strengthened constitutional values by taking a host of welfare measures to bring social and financial equality.

Grand fete: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the 75th Constitution Day programme at the Supreme Court on Tuesday. ANI

The Prime Minister said the Constitution has now been fully implemented in Jammu and Kashmir and Constitution Day was celebrated there for the first time, in an apparent reference to the dilution of special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370.

Mr. Modi also paid homage to the victims of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, and said that the country has resolved that all terror groups challenging its security will be given a befitting reply.

Other speakers

Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Supreme Court Bar Association president Kapil Sibal and Bar Council of India chairman Manan Kumar Mishra were among those who addressed the event.

Recalling the words of former President Rajendra Prasad in his concluding address to the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, Mr. Modi said he (Mr. Prasad) had stated that India did not need anything more than a group of honest people who would keep the country's interests above their own.

"This sentiment of 'nation first' will keep alive the Constitution for centuries to come," the Prime Minister said. His statement is politically significant as it comes against the backdrop of the relentless attack by the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on the BJP, alleging that the ruling party wanted to "destroy the Constitution".

"Our Constitution makers knew that India's aspirations, India's dreams will reach new heights with time. They knew that the needs of Independent India and its citizens will change, challenges will change. That is why they did not leave our Constitution as just a mere book of laws. Rather, they made it a living, continuously flowing stream," Mr. Modi said.

PM lists measures

The Prime Minister cited a host of welfare measures undertaken by his government, including the opening of bank accounts for more than 53 crore people, homes for over four crore poor families, the scheme to provide cooking gas cylinders to needy women, and health insurance scheme for the poor, to highlight the efforts at ensuring social and economic equality envisaged by the Constitution.

He noted that the original edition of the calligraphed Constitution carried pictures of Lord Ram, Sita, Guru Nanak, Buddha and Mahavir among others, and said the makers of the guiding document did it to remind citizens of human values.

BJP, RSS strengthening wall obstructing path of Dalits, Adivasis and OBCs: Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Hitting out: Rahul Gandhi at the launch of the Congress's 'Samvidhan Rakshak' campaign on Tuesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh of "strengthening the wall obstructing the path of Dalits, Adivasis, and OBCs", while acknowledging that the efforts of the previous United Progressive Alliance government at the Centre to bring down this wall were not sufficient.

Mr. Gandhi said he guaranteed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had not read the Constitution. "If PM Modi would have read this book, then what he does daily, he will not do it," he said.

Mr. Gandhi was addressing the Congress's '*Samvidhan Rakshak Abhiyaan*' in Delhi.

He said the Constitution was not just a book; it was the thinking of India for thousands of years. "It has the voices of great people like Gandhi*ji*, Ambedkar*ji*, Lord Buddha, Phule*ji*, but there is no voice of Savarkar*ji*. It is not written anywhere in the Constitution that... violence must be used, kill or intimidate someone, the government should be run by telling lies. This is because the Constitution is a book of truth and non-violence," he said.

The programme, chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, was held hours after the special event at Parliament to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution.

Both Mr. Kharge and Mr. Gandhi have written to the Chair in both Houses for a discussion on the Constitution, arguing that a special event alone was not enough to mark the occasion.

Mr. Kharge called for the return of ballot paper and said that a concerted effort, on the scale of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, was needed to campaign for it.

Cong. leader did not greet President: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday alleged that Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi did not greet President Droupadi Murmu during her address to the joint sitting of Parliament on Constitution Day.

"Rahul is so arrogant that he did not even greet the President. Just because she comes from the tribal community, is a woman and Rahul is the prince of Congress? What kind of a cheap mentality is this?," it said on X.

Court asks Hemant Soren to appear in person

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Days before the oath-taking ceremony for Jharkhand's newly elected government, caretaker Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Tuesday received a setback when the MP/MLA Court in Ranchi rejected his plea to be exempted from personally appearing in court to answer charges that he repeatedly ignored summonses issued by the Enforcement Directorate.

The case pertains to an alleged land scam, related to the illegal occupation of 8.86 acres of land.

The court rejected the plea and directed him to appear in court at the next hearing on December 4.

Judges walk the razor's edge, says CJI on barbs about 'unelected' judiciary

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Tuesday threw a counter-punch at critics who question the power wielded by "unelected" judges in an electoral democracy, indicating the alternative is even more frightening.

"But imagine a world where judges campaign for votes, solicit views and decisions from the public and make promises about future judgments...", Chief Justice Khanna addressed his audience, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at a Constitution Day function.

Appointment of judges, and not voting them to power, was a way to ensure their decisions were free from "external pressures". Their conduct was guided solely by the Constitution and the law.

Sanjiv Khanna

Chief Justice Khanna said judges walk the razor's edge. Their decisions make some happy while drawing criticism from others.

The CJI said some rate the constitutional courts of India among the most powerful in the world. Others felt the courts were straying from their constitutional duties by either failing to challenge the status quo or in resisting the transient popular mandate of the electorate.

'Duty towards public'

"For judges, perspectives and critique matter, because our foremost duty is towards the public, and secondly, being open and transparent is the biggest strength of the judiciary," he said.

The CJI said judges were certainly not above reproach. Constructive feedback would only make the judiciary more efficient, citizen- and public-centric and accountable.

"By opening ourselves to scrutiny, we can identify systemic inefficiencies and bottlenecks, and work towards eliminating them," Chief Justice Khanna said.

The Chief Justice said judicial independence was not a high wall, but a bridge. Each branch of government was not "a satellite in an independent orbit but rather a related actor which works in a degree of separateness".

He flagged pendency as a prime concern. He said the scale of cases flowing through courts was "staggering". The CJI pointed out that the district courts received 2.08 crore cases, the High Courts around 16.6 lakh and the Supreme Court 54,000.

Elections to six Rajya Sabha seats on Dec. 20

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Elections will be held to six vacancies in the Rajya Sabha across four States on December 20. The results will be declared the same day, the Election Commission said on Tuesday.

Three of the seats are from Andhra Pradesh, and one each is from West Bengal, Haryana and Odisha, respectively.

The National Democratic Alliance is expected to win five – three from Andhra Pradesh, one from Odisha, and one from Haryana.

BJP is true protector of Constitution: Nadda

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister and BJP chief J.P. Nadda said on Tuesday that the party was the true protector of the Constitution and the Narendra Modi government was implementing it in letter and spirit, whereas Congress-led governments trampled upon its core principles repeatedly.

At an event marking Constitution Day, Mr. Nadda said that after Mr. Modi took over as the Prime Minister, November 26 was declared Constitution Day.

Paying homage to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution, and Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly, he remembered those who lost their lives in the 2008 Mumbai attacks on its 16th anniversary.

Sharad Pawar moves SC against Ajit, says his nephew created confusion in the minds of voters

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Days after the Maharashtra poll rout, Sharad Pawar, Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) president and member of the Maha Vikas Aghadi, moved the Supreme Court on Tuesday accusing his nephew Ajit Pawar, who is part of the ruling Mahayuti coalition, of having engineered confusion in the minds of the voters and benefiting from his uncle's goodwill among the people.

Mr. Pawar named six pieces of material evidence to support his claim.

However, the case listed before a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyyan failed to come up for hearing as the court rose early in preparation for the Constitution Day celebrations at the Supreme Court which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The case may be listed next week.

The NCP patriarch said Mr. Ajit repeatedly flouted the orders of the Supreme Court on March 19 and April 4 to publish disclaimers about the pending dispute between the Pawars over ownership of the party 'clock' symbol.

No let-up in ties: NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar with his nephew Ajit Pawar at an event in Mumbai before they fell out. FILE PHOTO

He accused Mr. Ajit of "blatant non-compliance" of the court orders, which he said he could prove with video evidence.

The evidence, he said, included a copy of a screenshot showing a post deleted by legislator Amol Mitkari, who belongs to the Ajit faction, of a video of Sharad Pawar praising Ajit; a copy of photos of election banners of Ajit with the clock symbol in the Baramati constituency without any disclaimer; election banners of Ajit's candidate Dattatray Bharne sporting the clock without disclaimers; Ajit candidate Sanjay Patil's banners with clock without disclaimer in the Tasgaon Kavathe Mahankal constituency; Minaltai Sathe flying banners with clock without any disclaimer in the Madha constituency; and photos or videos which circulated in the Hadapsar constituency showing Ajit's candidate with Sharad Pawar.

In a hearing on November 13, the court advised the Ajit-led NCP faction to try standing on its own legs and not lean on the influence of Mr. Sharad with whom it had split on "ideological differences".

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NOTIFICATION
e-tenders are invited for supply of **"1.Liquid Nitrogen supply, 2. Concentrate Feed for Breeding Bulls, 3. Artificial Insemination Equipment 4. FSBS Lab Equipment, 5. Farm Machinery & Missc Equipment (Tractors & It's implements, Chaff Cutters, Generator (100KVA), Weight Bridge, RO Water Plant, Rain gun etc.)"**. Scheduled pre-bid meeting is on **29-11-2024 at 11AM**. For further details please refer to **https://tender.telangana.gov.in.**
Sd/-
R.O.No.: 706-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25, Date:26.11.2024 **Chief Executive Officer**

IndianOil
CIN : L23201MH1959GOI011388
Research & Development Centre, Faridabad
NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST(EOI)
IOCL intends to assess the Demand and Price of 'Green Needle Coke' for Manufacturing of Battery Anode and/or other Energy Storage Devices. An EOI is floated in this regard. Last date for participation in EOI is **21/12/2024** at **17:00 hrs**. For further details kindly refer the Tender ID: **2024_RND_182140_1** in following given weblink **(https://iocletenders.nic.in/nicgep/app)**

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Indian Overseas Bank
आपकी प्रगति का सच्चा साथी Good people to grow with
Information Technology Department
Central Office: 763, Anna Salai, Chennai – 600 002
Indian Overseas bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:
GOVERNMENT E-MARKET PORTAL – SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CASH RECYCLERS
BID NO: GEM/2024/B/5634487 DATED: 21.11.2024
The Above GEM Tender document is also available and can be downloaded from the following websites **www.iob.in** & **www.gem.gov.in** For Tender details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website **www.gem.gov.in**

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED
TGSPDCL (erstwhile TSSPDCL)
E-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)
TGSPDCL intends to float tenders for procurement of **(1)** 12.5 MVA Power Transformers **(2)** 55 Sq.mm AAA Conductor **(3)** 3Cx70+16+50 Sq.mm LT AB XLPE Cable **(4)** 1Cx120 Sq.mm LT XLPE Cable **(5)** 1Cx150 Sq.mm LT XLPE Cable **(6)** 11KV 3x185 Sq.mm Heat Shrinkable outdoor End Termination Kits **(7)** 11KV, 24VDC, 1250 A Feeder VCBs with Control Relays Panels & CTs of Ratio 400-200-100/1-1A on e-procurement platform. For further details of each item above, please visit **www.tgsouthernpower.org, www.tender.telangana.gov.in**.
Phone:040-23431360, 1033, 1035, 1026.
Sd/-
R.O.No.: 699-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25, Date:26.11.2024 **CHIEF ENGINEER (P&MM)**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail : ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CE-Roads-II-19/2024-25
1. The Chief Engineer (Roads-II), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system through ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road work as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : **Road works**
3. No. of work : **5 Nos.**
4. Tender Paper Cost : **Rs.10,000.00**
5. Class of Contractor : 'A' Class / Special Class / Super Class
6. Available of bid document in the website : From **10.00 A.M. of 02.12.2024** to **05.30 PM of 19.12.2024.**
7. Date of opening of Bid : **Dt.20.12.2024 at 11.30 A.M.**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in** . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.
Chief Engineer (Roads-II), Odisha
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL-CUM-ROADS), ODISHA, NIRMAN SOUDHA, BHUBANESWAR
B-671: OIPR-34172/11/0009/2425

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E-TENDER NOTICE
MSETCL invites online bids (E-Tender) for following.

S. N.	Tender No. & Description
1	RFx. No. 7000034269; Work of Supply , Civil and ETC (excluding supply of ICT) for scheme of additional 501MVA 400/220/33KV ICT-III and 1X167MVA 400/220/33KV Spare ICT along with the provision of RRS at 400/220KV Koradi-II S/s under 400KV S/S (O&M) Division Koradi-II under Nagpur Zone. EMD Rs. 3884013/- & Tender Fees: Rs. 25000/- (GST extra)

Tenders Available at : **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**; Due date for online submission upto: 17.12.2024, 11:00 Hrs; Tender Opening 17.12.2024, 12:00 Hrs if possible.
Sd/-
Chief Engineer EHV PC O&M Zone Nagpur.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, BALANGIR (R&B) CIRCLE, BALANGIR
Mail ID : sepwdbalangir@gmail.com
e-Procurement Notice - BID IDENTIFICATION No.CCE(R&B) BGR/05/2024-25
Letter No.3203 // Dtd.22.11.2024
The **Chief Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir** on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for the construction of works detailed in the table below from **"B" , "A" & "Special" Class** Contractors registered with the State Governments and contractors of equivalent Grade / Class registered with Central Government / MES / Railways for execution of Civil works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the bid.
1. Nature of Work : **Building Work**
2. No. of tender : **Building Work - 3 Nos.**
3. Tender Cost : **Rs.10,000/-**
4. Class of Contractor : **"B" , "A" & "Special"**
5. Date & Time of sale & Receipt of Bids : From **Dt.03.12.2024, 10.00 A.M.** to **Dt.17.12.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.**
6. Date of Opening of Bid : **Dt.18.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M.**
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **http://tendersorissa.gov.in.** All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE MODE only.
Chief Construction Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir.
B-674: OIPR-34131/11/0004/2425

INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
(A Super Speciality, Autonomous Institute Of Govt. Of Bihar)
IGIMS Medical College, IGIMS Nursing College
Sheikhpura, Patna-14. EPBX:0612-2297099/2297631, Website: www.igims.org
Tender Notice
Re-Tender Notice No.: 16/2024-2025/Bio-Medical Equipment/IGIMS/Store
Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna invites bids from eligible and qualified manufacturers or their authorized distributors / agents for supply, installation and commissioning of various **equipment for RIO.**
The last date of submission of bidding document along with EMD and Tender document fee is 16.12.2024 up to 4:00 P.M. The technical bids will be opened on 18.12.2024 at 3:30 P.M.
Details of terms and conditions can be seen and downloaded from Institute **Website: www.igims.org**.
The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly visit www.igims.org for Corrigendum / amendments etc., if any. It will be notified on these portals only and no separate advertisement will be made.
Director, I.G.I.M.S. - Patna

A BG-BGE

INBRIEF

NGT issues notice to Centre on expansion of glacial lakes

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued notice to the Centre and others regarding the rapid expansion of the Himalayan glacial lakes, raising concerns over the increasing risk of natural disasters. The NGT took *suo motu* cognisance of a news report showing about 10.81% increase of the glacial lakes in the last 13 years due to the rising temperatures. As per the report, the melting of glaciers paved way for larger glacial lakes, which held more water and, in turn, increased the risk of natural disasters such as floods and landslides. It directed the respondents to file their replies a week before the next hearing on March 10. PTI

Odisha govt. rejects extension of leave of Sujata Karthikeyan

The BJP government in Odisha has rejected an application for extension of leave by Sujata R. Karthikeyan, wife of V. K. Pandian, close aide of former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Ms. Karthikeyan had taken a six-month leave from May 31 to November 26 to care for her minor daughter. This was just after Mr. Patnaik-led Biju Janata Dal's defeat in the Assembly election. Political analysts speculated that the 2000-batch IAS officer could have anticipated a possible backlash, given that her husband played a critical role in shaping the party's campaign strategy. In a letter, the General Administration Department asked here to join duty from Wednesday.

SC suggests fresh guidelines to deal with unruly flyers

On a plea by an elderly woman who was urinated upon on a flight, court says senior citizens may be given strategic seating; plea says Air India, DGCA failed to treat her with care and responsibility

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Director-General of Civil Aviation to consider putting in place more comprehensive guidelines to deal with unruly passengers and fix accountability on flight crews. The court even suggested that the DGCA examine if senior citizens travelling by air could be strategically seated so that they would not fall victim to misbehaviour or be disturbed by others.

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan issued the order on a petition filed by a 72-year-old woman last year. The woman related her harrowing experience when a drunk passenger relieved himself on her on an Air India flight from New York to New Delhi on November 26, 2022. She has sought clear, zero-tolerance guidelines for civil authorities and airlines.

Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Union government and the DGCA, said action was taken on this particular incident and others. Standard Operating Procedures, circulars and guidelines were already in place, including individually by airlines.

India needs to ensure that its air passengers can travel with a minimum of safety and security, a petition says. FILE PHOTO

However, the court asked Ms. Bhati to take into consideration several suggestions made in the petition and consider if the guidelines need to be further modified. The court listed the case after eight weeks.

The petitioner, represented by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, said Air India and the DGCA had both failed to treat the elderly woman with "care and responsibility" after the passenger allegedly urinated on her.

The woman said the cabin crew "facilitated" the handing over of her mobile-phone number to the man to allow him to "reimburse the cost of shoes, dry-cleaning, etc". The petition said she was made to sit on the "very same seat that was wet and smelled of urine". Her suffering was compounded when the crew "coerced her to enter into a settlement with the passenger who urinated on her".

No-fly list

During a hearing in May last year, the petition referred to statistics tabled in Parliament, which showed that only 63 unruly passengers were put on the "no-fly" lists.

There would be many more incidents with no action taken, it added.

"With the world's third highest air traffic and with 132 airports, India needs to ensure that its passengers, both domestic and foreign, can travel with a minimum of safety and security. Particularly with 150 million senior citizens forming a sizeable vulnerable group, positive steps need to be taken to make flying safe," the petition said.

The plea had also highlighted how media reports on the incident concerning the senior citizen were "full of conjectures and surmises". She contended that these reports had "severely undermined her rights as a victim under Article 21, and in fairness, has also affected the rights of the accused as well".

The petitioner had asked the court to consider how media reports based on conjectures may affect *sub judice* cases in the absence of clear guidelines. It had said media reportage of such incidents should be "postponed".

Milk, meat and egg production increased in 2023-24: Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India stands second in the egg production globally.

Milk production in the country saw a 3.78% increase in 2023-24 over the 2022-23 estimates, shows the Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics, 2024, prepared by the Animal Husbandry Department.

Released by Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh here on Tuesday, the report says the country produced an estimated to 239.3 million tonnes of milk during 2023-24. According to the Ministry, this is a compounded annual growth of 5.62% over the past 10 years. In 2014-15, the milk production was 146.3 million tonnes, and in 2022-23, 230.58 million tonnes.

India is at the top in milk production and second in egg production globally.

Accounting for 16.21% of the milk produced in the country, Uttar Pradesh ranks at the top among the States followed by Rajasthan (14.51%), Madhya Pradesh (8.91%), Gujarat (7.65%), and Maharashtra (6.71%). West Bengal recorded 9.76%, the best annual growth rate in milk production in 2023-24.

The total egg production is estimated as 142.77 billion during 2023-24, a compounded annual growth of 6.8% over the past 10 years. In 2014-15, it was 78.48 billion. "Further, the production has increased annually by 3.18% during 2023-24 over 2022-23 (138.38 billion numbers)," the Ministry said. Andhra Pradesh is the largest producer of eggs with a share of 17.85% of total egg production in the country followed by Tamil Nadu (15.64%).

The total meat production is estimated at 10.25 million tonnes during 2023-24. It registered a compound annual growth of 4.85% over the past 10 years.

In 2023-24, 48.96% of the meat produced was of poultry, 2.6% of cattle, 18.09% of buffalo, 11.13% of sheep, 15.5% of goat and 3.72% of pig.

Freebies and pandemic-time free rations not the same: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday differentiated between providing free rations to migrant workers to tide over the distress of the pandemic and the distribution of freebies.

"Ration card is an important official document which is associated with the identity and entitlement of a person but the difficulties arise when we indulge in freebies. COVID time was something different," a Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant observed. The court was hearing petitions seeking ration cards for migrant workers.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said the government was bound by the National Food Security Act and statutory entitlement would be provided.

Bill designed to manipulate status of Waqf properties, says AIMPLB

Ziya Us Salam
NEW DELHI

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) is not prepared to accept the Waqf Bill even if it is passed by Parliament in its present form. It is likely to explore legal options if the Bill is passed.

The Board will tap all democratic and constitutional means to pressure the government to withdraw the proposed amendments in the current Parliament session.

The move comes after various Muslim outfits, including the AIMPLB, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind and Zakat Foundation, had presented their views to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Waqf. They all had expressed reservations on the proposed amendments.

S.Q.R. Ilyas

Shortly after the Board concluded its 29th convention in Bengaluru, S.Q.R. Ilyas, its spokesman, told presspersons in New Delhi that the Waqf Amendment Bill, 2024, was crafted to usurp Waqf properties across the country.

"All the proposed 44 amendments and their sub-sections were designed to destroy and manipulate the status of the Waqf properties. Unfortunately, the JPC, formed to seek suggestions of the stakeholders, chose to give time and attention to those with no *locus standi* on the issue. It behaved in a partisan manner," he said.

Arshad Madani, Board member and Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind president, sought to create awareness of the fallout if the Bill becomes a law. "The Prime Minister looks for Waqf in the Constitution, but the powers given to us by the Constitution are not visible to him," he said, referring to a statement by the Prime Minister that "There is no place for Waqf law in the Constitution".

"If the Prime Minister has said this about Waqf today, tomorrow he may claim that prayer, fasting, Haj and Zakat are not mentioned in the Constitution, and therefore, they should be banned. It is not just Muslims, but the Constitution of India which is under threat," Mr. Madani said.

Mr. Madani asked the regional parties such as the Janata Dal(U) and Telugu Desam Party to oppose the Bill in the Lok Sabha. "If they support the government's Waqf Amendment Bill to remain in power, it would be like stabbing Muslims in the back. This dual politics, where you take votes from us and then use the power gained from those votes against us, cannot continue," he said.

Mr. Ilyas said the Board representatives had met the JPC and presented their objections to the Bill. He said it was the Board which had asked all right-meaning citizens besides Muslims to reject the Bill using a QR code developed by it. Nearly five crore people had sent in their objections to the Bill through the QR code, he said.

Jamiat urges top court to take action to safeguard peace in Sambhal town

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of arson and killing of five young men in violence during a court-ordered survey of the Jama Masjid in Sambhal, the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has urged the Supreme Court "to take *suo motu* cognisance" of the incident that happened in the western Uttar Pradesh town.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Justice of India, Jamiat leader Mahmood Madani sought "immediate judicial intervention" to "safeguard peace and harmony".

Mahmood Madani

"I write to you in my capacity as president of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, deeply concerned by the escalating communal tensions and breach of public peace resulting from activities purportedly conducted under the guise of 'surveys'. These actions have created an environment of mistrust and unrest," Mr. Madani wrote to the Chief Justice.

"The Places of Worship Act 1991 was enacted with the intent of preventing conflict over places of worship. However, recent developments, particularly the Supreme Court's ruling that surveys do not fall under the prohibitions envisaged in the Act, have inadvertently led to situations like in Sambhal. These surveys are being weaponised to foster discord."

Mr. Madani said. "The current trajectory risks undermining public order and could result in widespread violence."

The Jamiat leader requested the Chief Justice for "immediate intervention to ensure that the rule of law prevails". "Proactive judicial intervention at this juncture will serve as a vital safeguard against the brewing communal tensions and reaffirm faith in the judiciary as the custodian of justice and social harmony," he said.

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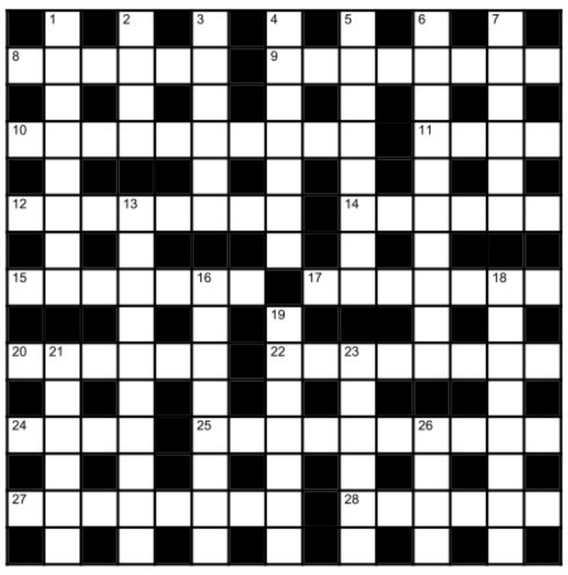

Across

8 Smart doctor taken in by Egyptian banker? (6)
9 Romantic ladies aroused in sex (8)
10 Spooner to consult the journalist and retire (3,3,4)
11 It's clarified about say, engaged man ... (4)
12 ... Organise his visa before getting married in Hindu tradition (8)
14 Internally revolting makes Palestine go on (6)
15 Preacher and holy man entering a bar (7)
17 Therapists sadly strip ape sporting casual clothes (1-6)
20 Japanese hospital initially appointed neonatal specialist in district (6)
22 Bachchan's first featured in foreign cinema with English character (8)
24 Revoke global organisation's work (4)
25 Place to spend the rest of the night in boredom (7,3)
27 Procedure oddly chosen in part of two schools (8)
28 Spies nabbed local going West from the Middle East (6)

Down

1 Terminate European leaving North Indian state (6,2)
2 "The Abba" regularly recall help (4)
3 Arab national picked up the old bread (6)
4 Wins over timeless Russian leader entertained by Black Sabbath (7)
5 Negligent little kid left in break (8)
6 Irrational about delay to come up in lift (10)
7 Shows in theatre? (6)
13 Comprehensive details of India's stand on US bombing (3,3,4)
16 Relaxed bachelor pursues help in need (4-4)
18 Ate heartily and was made comfortable (6,2)
19 Geometrical design overlapping a *kolam* and a lattice (7)
21 Longing after leaving a European country (6)
23 City in Bangladesh vacated by old friend (6)
26 Nasty plan (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Ethical values in Ramayana

Trichy Sri. Kalyanaraman said in a discourse about some of the ethical values hidden in the Ramayana. People undertake various activities as if they know everything out of the sheer influence of "maya." God does everything as if He knows nothing, hence the name "Mayon" to Him.

During bad times, the mind goes astray. Sita revealed to the world that harsh words will endanger a person. When Sri Rama persuaded Sita not to come along with Him to the forest as life in the forest was not as easy as she thought and detailed at great length the difficulties and dangers, she repeatedly insisted and at one stage told Rama whether He was not brave and capable enough to protect her.

On another occasion, when Rama pursued the golden deer Mareecha, who beguiled and simulated Rama's voice, Sita insisted Lakshmana go and save Rama. As Lakshmana was reluctant to go, leaving Sita alone, fearing her safety, she cast aspersions on him. When people succumb to anger, it dominates and makes them lose themselves. Chanting Rama nama in the Asoka forest, Sita turned to Rama. Sri Andal says in Tiruppavai to always chant God's name (*kesavanai padavum*).

Obstinate people will not listen to the wiser advice of others. People should be bold, say the truth, and follow dharmas. Vibhishana was the best example. He did not hesitate to point out Ravana's mistakes and advise him to change his mind. Sita cautioned Ravana when he boasted of his power, ability, and wealth. Fear will arise only when a person indulges in sinful activities or tells lies. A person should not be afraid of discharging his ordained duties.

INBRIEF

Mahindra unveils two e-SUVs, will hit market in January

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) on Tuesday unveiled two 'electric origin' sport utility vehicles (SUVs) – the BE 6e and XEV 9e – to be priced at ₹18.9 lakh (ex-showroom) and ₹21.9 lakh (ex-showroom) respectively. The vehicles will be introduced in the market in January, and deliveries will commence from February and March 2025. With a 500-km range on a single charge, the cars' battery can last for a week, the company's officials claimed.

PSBs to unveil new products to ramp up credit growth

Financial Services Secretary M. Nagaraju on Tuesday said public sector banks (PSBs) will unveil new products in the next few months to improve credit growth. "We are actually committed to enhancing, and we want to push as much credit as possible because we have a huge number of young people," he said at a CII event in New Delhi. The government has already taken multiple steps to improve credit availability to small borrowers, Mr. Nagaraju said. PTI

CCI okays Kotak Bank-StanChart loan book deal

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Tuesday approved Kotak Mahindra Bank's (KMB) take over of Standard Chartered's unsecured personal loan book. KMB had in October this year entered into an agreement with Standard Chartered to acquire the loan portfolio. The latter had outstanding unsecured personal advances of ₹4,100 crore as of September 30, 2024. The loans in the portfolio were under the 'standard' class, according to the central bank's classification.

Moody's, Fitch take negative rating actions on Adani Inc.

Moody's Ratings cites governance risk stemming from bribery and other charges facing the group chairman and employees; upgrade unlikely in near term, while funding access is a concern

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a torrid Tuesday for the Adani group, hit by a U.S. Court indictment of chairman Gautam Adani and some employees with civil charges from the U.S. market watchdog, Fitch Ratings and Moody's took negative rating actions on group-firms and all listed entities fell on the bourses.

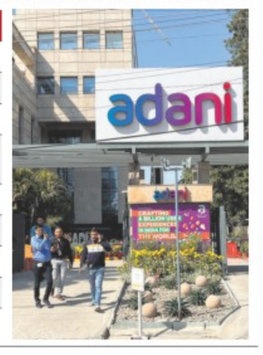
Adani Green Energy Ltd. (AGEL), at the centre of the fresh turmoil engulfing the group over charges that include bribery, securities and wire fraud, and false statements, dropped to a new 52-week low of ₹893, before closing at ₹899.4 on the NSE.

Citing governance risks for its action, Moody's said there could be a broader credit impact from AGEL's crisis on group firms "given Gautam Adani's prominent role as chairman of each of the rated entities or their parent companies as well as the controlling shareholder."

Slip and Slide

All Adani group stocks tanked on Tuesday, led by the U.S. Court indictment-hit Adani Green Energy, that breached its 52-week low

Company	Stock price
Adani Enterprises	-4.78%
Adani Ports & SEZ	-3.23%
Adani Power	-2.04%
Adani Energy Solutions	-3.79%
Adani Wilmar	-2.44%
Adani Total Gas	-3.50%
Adani Green Energy	-7.05%
Ambuja Cements	-2.30%
ACC	-1.26%



Source: NSE

No material impact from TotalEnergies' freeze: AGEL

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after TotalEnergies SE announced the suspension of fresh investments into Adani group firms until such a time the accusations against the group's individuals and their consequences are clarified, Adani Green Energy (AGEL) told exchanges that there is no "new financial commitment under discussion with TotalEnergies".

Hence, the French investor's decision "will not have any material impact on the company's operations or its growth plan", AGEL clarified.

'No funds released for Adani's Colombo port project so far'

Suhasini Haidar
Meera Srinivasan
NEW DELHI
COLOMBO

A year after it announced a loan of over half a billion dollars for the Adani-controlled project for Colombo Port, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) said it is "continuing to assess the situation" and had not yet disbursed any of the funding promised. In response to questions from *The Hindu* about the impact of the indictments issued by the U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) last week, a DFC official said the agency is still conducting its "due diligence" on the project in order to ensure it meets its "rigorous standards".

The DFC statement, that appears to signal a reconsideration of the Adani Ports and SEZ (APSEZ) development of the Colombo Western International Terminal it had endorsed in November 2023, came as the Sri Lankan government said it is taking the U.S. indictments "very seriously" and a final decision on the project hinges on a report from its Foreign and Finance Ministries. "We are expecting the report to come in very soon, and will take a decision after that," said official spokesperson Nalinda Jayatissa, addressing the media after a Cabinet meeting chaired by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

The cloud over the prestigious Colombo port project is the latest in a series of controversies over other international infrastructure and energy projects involving the Adani group, that has been accused of violating the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices law by allegedly bribing Indian officials more than U.S. $250 million for power contracts. In particular, the DFC's announcement of a loan commitment of $553 million made in November 2023, had been cited by the Adani group and its backers as a mark of the company's governance systems.

"We welcome the association of the DFC in funding the Adani project - and we see this as a reaffirmation by the international community of our vision, our capabilities and our governance," Karan Adani, director and CEO, APSEZ had said in a statement last year. In a note to clients on November 21, Adani-investor Florida-based GQG Partners had also cited the DFC backing for the project, saying that it found it "very surprising that the U.S. government would approve funding and partner in projects with parties that were under DOJ investigation."

When asked about the DFC statement and impact of the U.S. indictment, the Adani group said that the CWIT was "progressing as planned". "Phase 1 of the project is on schedule and is nearing completion. It will become commercially operational by Q1 2025," said an APSEZ official, adding that the DFC "customary process of due diligence " has not affected the project's progress.

The Ministry of External Affairs did not respond to questions about whether U.S. authorities had sought its cooperation in its investigation or in pursuing with the prosecution of the Adani group chief and other officials named in the indictment.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,004	-0.13
US Dollar	84.29	0.00
Gold	78,150	-1.57
Brent oil	73.61	0.71

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2150.50	-107.00
Adani Ports	1128.85	-37.95
Apollo Hosp	7076.55	1.55
Asian Paints	2505.00	45.30
Axis Bank	1144.80	-11.10
Bajaj Auto	9137.45	-283.50
Bajaj Finserv	1594.40	-10.50
Bajaj Finance	6617.95	-67.45
Bharat Elec	297.90	5.55
Bharti Airtel	1577.25	-1.50
BPCL	293.85	-2.70
Britannia Ind	5013.60	109.65
Cipla	1492.70	-10.60
Coal India	411.50	-5.95
Dr Reddys Lab	1208.65	-0.65
Eicher Motors	4931.75	-70.60
Grasim Ind	2617.20	-12.60
HCL Tech	1899.55	7.85
HDFC Bank	1785.55	-0.05
HDFC Life	682.40	-2.40
Hero MotoCorp	4838.70	-19.60
Hindalco	666.10	6.25
Hind Unilever	2479.20	7.75
ICICI Bank	1304.95	4.00
IndusInd Bank	1009.60	6.10
Infosys	1924.15	34.45
ITC	477.00	0.20
JSW Steel	963.60	10.30
Kotak Bank	1783.60	-7.15
L&T	3702.60	-50.40
M&M	2985.20	-60.40
Maurti Suzuki	10943.95	-81.20
NestleIndia	2265.25	8.30
NTPC	361.65	-6.75
ONGC	254.25	-3.65
PowerGrid Corp	338.80	-3.95
Reliance Ind	1295.70	8.70
SBI Life	1506.75	11.55
State Bank	839.40	-5.05
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3046.35	98.55
Sun Pharma	1761.60	-37.30
TataConsumerProduct	963.55	7.85
Tata Motors	783.00	-13.60
Tata Steel	144.47	0.80
TCS	4352.70	37.60
Tech Mahindra	1745.40	12.80
Titan	3327.50	18.40
Trent Ltd.	6669.35	-105.60
UltraTech Cement	11121.05	-336.40
Wipro	589.00	6.55

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 26

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	84.13	84.45
Euro	88.54	88.88
British Pound	106.05	106.46
Japanese Yen (100)	54.98	55.19
Chinese Yuan	11.61	11.65
Swiss Franc	95.08	95.45
Singapore Dollar	62.55	62.80
Canadian Dollar	59.69	59.93
Malaysian Ringitt	18.86	18.95

Source:Indian Bank

Surat weavers moot caution on Quality Control Order for nylon yarn

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Weavers in Surat have demanded that the Centre implement the Quality Control Order (QCO) on nylon filament yarn only after studying in detail the workability of the domestic and imported nylon yarn.

According to Ashishbai R. Gujarati, president of the Pandesara Weavers Co-op Society Ltd., about 50,000 powerlooms and 10,000 high-speed looms used by almost 5,000 weavers in Surat are dependent on nylon yarn. Their monthly requirement is close to 15,000 tonnes, of which 20% to 25% is imported.

"When an overseas supplier applies for BIS licence to comply with the QCO norms, the officials should inspect the factories abroad and take a decision rather than not processing the applications at all," he said on Tuesday.

More than 90% of nylon filament yarn is used by the textile units in the Surat cluster. The workability of the domestic yarn and imported yarn, non-availability of some of the varieties of nylon yarn in India, and price comparison between the domestic and imported yarn should be studied. The chips for producing the nylon filament yarn are 100% imported from China or other countries. Different makes of these chips are mixed and used, leading to quality issues for weavers.

The QCO should be implemented only after sorting out the issues related to domestic and imported nylon yarn, Mr. Gujarati said.

Industrialist Shashi Ruia passes away at 81

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Shashikant Ruia

Shashikant Ruia, popularly known as Shashi Ruia, the founder Chairman of Essar Group, passed away here on Monday due to old age. He was 81.

Mr. Ruia, one of the country's top industrialists who built a conglomerate, is survived by wife Manju, sons Prashant and Anshuman Ruia and their spouses and children.

"It is with profound grief that we inform of the passing of Shri Shashikant Ruia, patriarch of the Ruia and Essar family," the Ruia family said in a statement on Tuesday. The funeral was conducted at the Banganga crematorium, Malabar Hill in Mumbai.

"With an unwavering commitment to community upliftment and philanthropy, he [Mr. Ruia] touched millions of lives leaving an enduring impact. His humility, warmth, and ability to connect with everyone he met, made him a truly exceptional leader," the family said in the statement.

"He had played a significant role in redefining India's corporate landscape. His extraordinary legacy will remain a guiding light for all of us, as we honour his vision and continue to uphold the values, he cherished and championed," the statement added. Mr. Ruia's entrepreneurial journey began in Chennai in 1969 with the construction of an outer breakwater at the Chennai Port.

After the economy's liberalisation in the '90s, he and his younger brother Ravi Ruia, ventured into steel, refining, exploration, telecom, power, and construction businesses, catapulting them to the 'A' grade of India Inc.

Mr. Ruia was among the first to capitalise on the opportunities thrown open to the private sector in critical sectors. Mr. Ruia had planned his ventures across the entire value chain with high value addition – from ore to steel and from crude to oil retail.

He was a firm believer in creating entire ecosystems and providing complete solutions. The cyclic nature of the commodity business and high debt levels had its impact on the group over the past decade and the Essar Group had to divest its holding in Essar Oil, including the captive ports and oil retail business, to Russia's Rosneft.

Essar Steel had also changed hands to Arcelor-Mittal Nippon Steel through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) process. Undeterred by these losses, Mr. Ruia found opportunities in the renewables sector and the group committed huge investments to facilitate global decarbonisation.

Condoling his demise, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on X that Mr. Ruia was a colossal figure in the world of industry.

"His visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to excellence transformed the business landscape of India. He also set high benchmarks for innovation and growth," Mr. Modi said.

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd

SRM E-Tender Notice

Digitally signed online bids are invited through SRM E-tender process of MSETCL in two bid system from bidders who are registered Electrical Vendors/Contractors of MSETCL for following SRM E-tender;

RFx No.	E-Tender No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost	EMD	Tender Fees
7000033759	T- 43 / 2024-25 (2nd Call)	Work of Replacement of existing conductor with High Ampacity Conductor of 132kV Manmad - Chalisgaon Line for RE power evacuation under Nashik Zone	2695.71 Lakhs (Including GST)	Rs. 26,95,717.81/-	Rs. 25,000/- + GST

Sale period: 25.11.2024 to 16.12.2024, **Last Date of Submission:** 16.12.2024 up to 17:00 Hrs, **Date of opening (Tech. bid):** 16.12.2024 at 17:30Hrs (if possible). **Contact person:** Executive Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Nashik. Phone No. 0253-2403010/02/07 Fax No. 0253-2403000. For further details please visit to **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in** **Sd/- Chief Engineer, EHV PC (O&M) Zone MSETCL Nashik**

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F18 (52) RUDSICO/AMRUT-2.0/2024-25/Tender/ Date :- 20/11/2024

NIB No. 06/2024-25

Notice inviting online bids for Formulation of GIS based master plan and Updation of Existing Master Plans in GIS format &Creation of Urban Geodatabase for Towns under AMRUT 2.0

Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & infrastructure Corporation Limited (RUDSICO), a Government of Rajasthan undertaking, invites online unconditional bids on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan through e-procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** from eligible bidders in accordance with the RTPP Act 2012 and RTPP Rules 2013, amended up to date, and under Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) National with single stage-two envelope Bidding procedure for following work.

S. No.	Name of Work	Cost (In Lakh)	Bid Security (In Lakh)	Period of completion
1	Formulation of GIS based master plan for towns under AMRUT 2.0			
a.	Package – 01	351.00	7.02	
b.	Package - 02	398.00	7.96	
2	Updation of Existing Master Plans in GIS format and Creation of Urban Geodatabase for Towns under AMRUT 2.0			12 Months
a.	Package – 01	416.00	8.32	
b.	Package - 02	453.00	9.06	

The details of NIB can be seen at e-procurement portal of state government **sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** from date 25.11.2024 at 1700 Hours till the end date of online submission of bids i.e. 30.12.2024 up to 1500 Hours. Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published only at the e-procurement portal.

UBN No. - RDP2425SLOB00093, RDP2425SLOB00094, RDP2425SLOB00095, RDP2425SLOB00096

Executive Director
Raj.Samwad/C/24/8288 **RUDSICO, Jaipur**

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RFx No.	E-Tender No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost	EMD	Tender Fees
7000033739	T- 33 / 2024-25 (3rd call)	Work of replacement of existing 0.2 ACSR Panther conductor by equivalent CCC type HTLS conductor along with suitable hardware, accessories and porcelain long rod insulators for 132kV Kekatnimbhora - Pahur DCDC Line (Length= 18+18= 36ckm) for RE power evacuation under Green Energy Corridor (GEC) under Nashik Zone	Rs. 1907.11 Lakhs (Including GST)	Rs. 19,07,109.87/-	Rs. 25,000/- + GST

Sale period: 25.11.2024 to 09.12.2024, **Last Date of Submission:** 09.12.2024 up to 17:00 Hrs, **Date of opening (Tech. bid):** 09.12.2024 at 17:30Hrs (if possible). **Contact person**: Executive Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Nashik. Phone No. 0253-2403010/02/07 Fax No. 0253-2403000. For further details please visit to **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

Chief Engineer, EHV PC (O&M), Zone, MSETCL, Nashik

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CHIEF EDITOR OFFICE **e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

Roc.No.TTD-95021(31)/5/2024-Chief Editor Dt:25-11-2024.

e-Tenders are invited for procurement of 17,00,000 Nos. of Packing sheets for a period of one year. For tender details log on to the web site **http://www.tirumala.org.** Click on TTD-95021(31)/5/2024-Chief Editor. **For further details contact phone numbers: 0877-2264543, 2264363.**

TTD-40021(31)/1/2024-PRO SEC (Adv.No.236), Date:26-11-2024 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त-भरतपुर
क्रमांक : 1655 **निविदा संशोधन** दिनांक 08/11/2024

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 1607 दिनांक 29.10.2024 से जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 09/2024-25 जिला भरतपुर में राजकीय आर्थिक पिछड़ा वर्ग बालक छात्रावास नदबई जिला भरतपुर का निर्माण कार्य जो कि एसपीपी पोर्टल पर NIB No. PWD2425A2451 & UBN NO. PWD2425WSRC09030 से प्रकाशित हुई है, जिसकी निर्माण लागत में निम्नानुसार संशोधन जारी किया जाता है जो वेबसाईट "www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in" एवं "www.sppp.raj.nic.in" पर देखा जा सकता है।

क्र.सं.	पूर्व अनुमानित लागत	संशोधित अनुमानित लागत
1	213.10 लाख	215.48 लाख

नोट : निविदा की शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
DIPR/C/11629/24 सानिवि वृत्त- भरतपुर

कार्यालय जिला रसद अधिकारी भरतपुर
क्रमांक: रसद /2024/2639 दिनांक 20/11/2024
Notice Inviting E-Bid : 01/2024-25

E-Bids for selection of Handling and Transportation of Food grains Under PDS from FCI Depots in District Bharatpur are invited from interested bidders up to **10-12-2024**. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** or **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in / www.food.rajasthan.gov.in**) of the state, The approximate value of the procurement is 3.23 Crore for One year.

UBN : FCC2425SLRC00076
DIPR/C/11621/2024 **District Supply Officer, Bharatpur**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग वृत डूंगरपुर
क्रमांक : टी.एस./ निविदा फाईल / 2024-25 / डी-1954 दिनांक : 25/11/24
निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2024-25
NIB Code :- PWD2425A2141

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से विभिन्न सड़क व पुल निर्माण कार्यों मय पांच वर्ष की मरम्मत एवं संधारण की अवधि लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों / केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग / डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग / रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से कार्यों हेतु ई- टेन्डरिंग के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 6 कार्य जिनकी कुल लागत राशि रु. 1711.13 लाख है, प्राप्त की जावेगी। निविदा से संबंधित विवरण वेबसाईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in व http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यवार यू.बी.एन. संख्या निम्नानुसार है। NIB Code No : PWD2425A2141

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No. :- RUDSICO/PD (H.)/Jpr/2024-25/4386 Date : 25/11/2024

Bids for Various Construction works at District Baran, Bundi, Kota & Jhalwar are invited from interested bidders up to 18:00hrs 03.12.2024 for item 1 & 2 under single bid system on E-procurement for Short Term NIT 15/2024-25 and Various works at District Baran, Kota, Jhalawar, Pratapgarh, Rajsamand, Udaipur, Dungarpur, Banswara, Chittorgarh, Sojat, Sumerpur & Siwana are invited from interested bidders up to 18:00hrs, 09.12.2024 for Item no. 1 to 17 under single bid system and up to 18:00hrs, 16.12.2024 for Item no. 18 to 27 under two bid system on E-procurement for NIT 16/2024-25 and Hiring of Photocopier machine at Jaipur are invited from interested bidders up to 12:00hrs, 02.12.2024 for Item no. 1 under single bid system for NIT 17/2024-25. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state. The total approximate value of all procurement is Rs. 4856.48 Lacs.

Short term E-NIT No. 15/2024-25	E-NIT No. 16/2024-25 dated 22.11.2024
dated 22.11.2024 UBN- RDP2425WSRC00080 & 81	UBN :- RDP2425WSOB00082 to 92, and 97 to 112
NIT No. 17/2024-25 dated 25.11.2024	
UBN- RDP2425SSOB00113	

Raj.Samwad/C/24/8289 **General Manager**

MOSCOW

Russia jails journalist for working with foreign media organisation

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Russia on Tuesday sentenced a journalist — identified by rights groups as Nika Novak —to four years in prison for working with a foreign media outlet and allegedly helping prepare content that "discredits" the Russian Army. U.S.-funded *Radio Free Europe* said Novak had been a "freelance correspondent" since 2022. AFP

HONG KONG

Hong Kong same-sex couples win housing and inheritance rights

REUTERS

Hong Kong's LGBTQ community won a major victory on Tuesday as the city's top court affirmed the housing and inheritance rights of same-sex couples, ruling against the government. The decision comes after a landmark 2023 ruling by the same court shut the door on legalising same-sex marriage. AFP

DHAKA

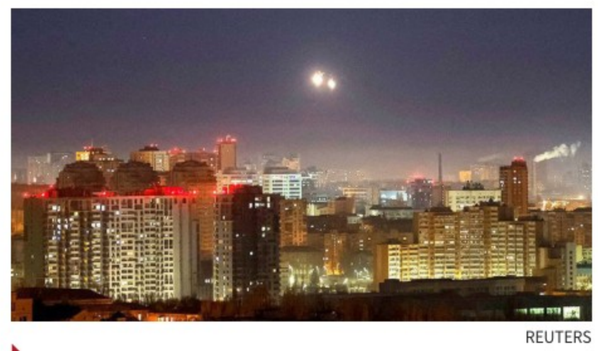
One killed in Bangladesh as Hindu protesters clash with the police

AFP

At least one person was killed in Bangladesh in clashes between security forces and Hindus protesting against the arrest of a religious leader, police said. Chinmoy Krishna Das, a Hindu leader associated with the ISKCON, was arrested from Dhaka airport on Monday on several charges, including sedition. REUTERS

KYIV

Record 188 Russian drones hit most regions of Ukraine in attack



REUTERS

Russia launched 188 drones against most regions of Ukraine in a night-time blitz, the Ukrainian Air Force said on Tuesday, describing it as a record number of drones deployed in a single attack. Most of the drones were intercepted, according to the Air Force, but apartment buildings and critical infrastructure were damaged. AP

Netanyahu announces support for ceasefire proposal with Hezbollah

The exact terms of the deal were not released and it was not immediately clear when the ceasefire would go into effect; the deal does not affect Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza; Israel demands the right to act should Hezbollah violate its terms

Associated Press
BEIRUT

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday that he would recommend his Cabinet adopt a United States-brokered ceasefire agreement with Lebanon's Hezbollah, as Israeli warplanes struck across Lebanon, killing at least 23 people.

The Israeli military also issued a flurry of evacuation warnings – a sign it was aiming to inflict punishment on Hezbollah down to the final moments before any ceasefire takes hold.

New chapter: The deal calls for a two-month initial halt in fighting and would require Hezbollah to end its armed presence. REUTERS

In a televised statement, Mr. Netanyahu said he would present the ceasefire to Cabinet Ministers later on Tuesday, setting the stage for an end to nearly 14 months of fighting.

Mr. Netanyahu said the vote was expected later Tuesday. It was not immediately clear when the ceasefire would go into effect, and the exact terms of the deal were not released. The deal does not affect Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza, which shows no signs of ending.

Hezbollah, meanwhile, kept up its rocket fire, triggering air raid sirens across northern Israel.

Lebanese officials have said Hezbollah also supports the deal. If approved by all sides, the deal would be a major step toward ending the Israel-Hezbollah war that has inflamed tensions across the region.

The deal calls for a two-month initial halt in fighting and would require Hezbollah to end its armed presence in a broad swath of southern Lebanon, while Israeli troops would return to their side of the border. Thousands of Lebanese troops and UN peacekeepers would deploy in the south, and an international panel headed by the United States would monitor all sides' compliance.

But implementation remains a major question mark. Israel has demanded the right to act should Hezbollah violate its obligations. Lebanese officials have rejected writing that into the proposal.

Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz insisted on Tuesday that the military would strike Hezbollah if the UN peacekeeping force, known as UNIFIL, doesn't provide "effective enforcement" of the deal.

Trump vows new tariffs on Mexico, Canada, China

Associated Press
NEW YORK

President-elect Donald Trump threatened to impose sweeping new tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China as soon as he takes office as part of his effort to crack down on illegal immigration and drugs. He said he would impose a 25% tax on all products entering the country from Canada and Mexico, and an additional 10% tariff on goods from China, as one of his first executive orders.

The tariffs, if implemented, could dramatically raise prices for American consumers on everything from gas to automobiles to agricultural products. The U.S. is the largest importer of goods in the world, with Mexico, China and Canada its top three suppliers, according to recent U.S. Census data.

Donald Trump

Mr. Trump made the threats on Monday on his Truth Social site in which he railed against an influx of illegal migrants, even though southern border apprehensions have been hovering near four-year lows. "On January 20th, as one of my many first Executive Orders, I will sign all necessary documents to charge Mexico and Canada a 25% Tariff on ALL products coming into the United States, and its ridiculous Open Borders," he wrote, complaining that "thousands of people are pouring through Mexico and Canada, bringing Crime and Drugs at levels never seen before".

A senior Canadian government official said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Mr. Trump spoke after Mr. Trump's posts. The two spoke about the border and trade and had a good conversation, the official said.

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum fired back at Mr. Trump, saying his tariffs diplomacy was misguided.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington cautioned that there will be losers on all sides if there is a trade war.

No more tax increases, says U.K. Chancellor Reeves

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

U.K. Chancellor Rachel Reeves sought to assure British industry on Monday, saying she would not increase taxes for the remainder of the current Parliament, following the increases for companies and individuals announced in the Labour government's first Budget on October 30.

Ms. Reeves also said public services would not receive any more funding than what was already allocated and would have to live within their means.

"We've now drawn a line under the fiction held by the previous government to put our public finances back on a firm putting and we've now set the budget for public services for the duration of this Parliament," Ms. Reeves told business representatives at the Confederation of British Industry conference.

The cost of living and the economy were among

Rachel Reeves

the top reasons for the swing away from the Conservatives in the July 5th general election, which saw the end of a series of Tory governments that ran the country for 14 years. Weeks after taking office, the Labour government had said there was a public finance "black hole" of £22 billion left by the Conservatives. [This figure was disputed].

"Public Services now need to live within their needs, because I'm really clear I'm not coming back with more borrowing or more taxes," Ms. Reeves said on Monday.

The October Budget had announced a £70 billion increase in spending in 2026-27 and a £40 billion tax increase, including an aggregate £25 billion increase in employer contributions via 'national insurance', which is set to increase by 1.2% from next year. Other tax increases included ending the allowances on foreign assets and income for non-domiciled ('non-dom') U.K. residents, a capital gains tax increase and higher "windfall tax" on energy companies.

Some businesses have criticised the government for increasing the cost of employment.

"Historically, we've been super bullish on the United Kingdom... going forward, it's becoming harder to understand what the case for investment is," Salman Amin, CEO of snack food company Pladis, which owns makers of well-known British biscuit brand McVitie, said on Monday.

Judge grants dismissal of Trump's 2020 election case

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

A judge on Monday granted a request by prosecutors to dismiss the election subversion case against Donald Trump because of a Justice Department policy of not prosecuting a sitting President.

Judge Tanya Chutkan agreed to the request by Special Counsel Jack Smith to dismiss the case against the President-elect "without prejudice", meaning it could potentially be revived after Mr. Trump leaves the White House four years from now.

Mr. Trump was accused of conspiring to overturn the results of the 2020 election and removing top secret documents after leaving the White House.

Mr. Trump, in a post on Truth Social, said the cases were "empty and lawless, and should never have been brought."

Rebel group takes Myanmar border town, mining hub in setback for military regime

Associated Press
BANGKOK

A powerful rebel group has seized a key trading town in northeastern Myanmar on the Chinese border, taking control of a lucrative rare earth mining hub in another setback for the military-led government, according to witnesses.

The apparent loss of Kanpaiti to the Kachin Independence Army leaves Myanmar's military in control of only one town with a border crossing, Muse, and deprives it of potential profits from the mines that provide China with rare earth minerals critical for electric motors and wind turbines, as well as high-tech weapons and a broad range of electronics.

Neither Col. Naw Bu, the KIA's spokesperson, nor Thet Swe, spokesperson for the military, responded to multiple requests for comment, but several local media outlets reported that Kanpaiti fell last week.

The apparent loss of Kanpaiti leaves military in control of only one town with border crossing

The ongoing civil war and military restrictions make travel for presspersons nearly impossible, but the reports were confirmed by witnesses by telephone.

Video clips circulating on social media, which could not be independently verified, showed what was said to be a KIA member raising the group's flag at the tunnel through the mountain to China. Other clips showed a vast quantity of weapons allegedly captured by the KIA.

There are more than 300 unregulated mines in the area, producing most of the $1.4 billion in rare earths for sale to China last year "at a terrible cost to the environment and local communities," according to a *Global Witness* report.

AMPING IT UP

Ding making the right moves despite being written off

FIDE

It is early days yet, but Ding Liren seems to be keen to prove the top players wrong. Most of them had written him off while World No. 3 Hikaru Nakamura gave 80-20. The others such as Wesley So and Anish Giri had also favoured Gukesh heavily. But it is the Chinese who has taken the early lead against his higher-rated Indian rival.

BIG BOOST

Many more will take up chess if Gukesh wins World title: Anand

FIDE

Viswanathan Anand feels if Gukesh wins the World championship, it will be huge for the sport in India. "Many more people would take up the game and start following it if Gukesh wins. The fact that he is so young means that we can look forward to having him for a while," said the former World champion.

FAMILY FIRST

Gambhir heads back to Delhi due to an emergency at home

FILE PHOTO: R. RAGU

India coach Gautam Gambhir left for Delhi due to a family emergency. He will return ahead of the second Test at Adelaide from December 6. Meanwhile, Rohit Sharma's men will travel to Canberra on Wednesday where a game against the Prime Minister's XI is scheduled at Manuka Oval on November 30 and December 1.

SUPER SHOW

Masanamuthu and Moein propel Thalaivas to big win over Yoddhas

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tamil Thalaivas returned to winning ways as it beat UP Yoddhas 40-26 in their PKL 11 match in Noida on Tuesday. Led by substitute Masanamuthu (6 points) and Iranian Moein Shafagi (8), the team made amends for its loss in the previous meeting between the two. The Dabang Delhi-Patna Pirates contest ended in a 39-39 tie.

Gukesh battles back to share honours in Game 2

The Indian GM says a draw with black pieces in a World championship match is always nice; Ding, too, completely fine with the result as he heads into the third game with a 1.5-0.5 lead

CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Ding Liren was walking into unfamiliar territory on Tuesday at Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore, for the second game of the World chess championship against D. Gukesh. At last year's World title match, he had fallen behind Ian Nepomniachtchi on three occasions and equalised each time before winning the tie-break.

This time around, he will go into the third game on Wednesday with the lead. He had little trouble in getting a draw in game two.

His largely unexpected win with black pieces in the opening game - he had started the match as very much the underdog despite being the defending champion - was timed beautifully. It was his first win in classical chess in 304 days, that too against somebody who has been playing like a beast in the format for the better part of the last couple of years.

Ding must not be too displeased with his 23-move draw, though he had the white pieces. It was a result Gukesh may not have minded much, either. After losing badly with white pieces, what you least want is a defeat with black pieces in the very next game. So splitting the point cannot be that bad, especially in a long, best-of-14 match.

Talk time: Gukesh and Ding discuss the game after signing peace. FIDE

As he did in the first game, Ding sprang a surprise in the opening. He began by pushing the pawn in front of his king, and not queen, which most people would have expected him to. The opening was Italian, and the variation was Four Knights.

The Chinese Grandmaster seemed to be better prepared as he played quickly, and unlike the opening game, it was his younger rival who needed more team to make his moves in the early part. And unlike the manic Monday, the action was more peaceful on the board.

The queens left the stage by the 13th move. Before them, all the four bishops had gone, too. That meant just the rooks and the knights remained on the board, accompanied by the pawns.

There wasn't much Gukesh could have tried to create chances for an early equaliser in the match. The game was drawn by repetition of moves. "A draw with black pieces in a World championship match is always nice," said Gukesh. Ding admitted he was completely fine with the draw.

The third game will be played on Wednesday with Ding leading 1.5-0.5. The player who scores 7.5 points will be the king.

GAME 2: MOVES

Ding vs Gukesh

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. d3 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. a4 d6 7. 0-0 h6 8. Be3 Be6 9. a5 Bxc4 10. dxc4 0-0 11. Bxc5 dxc5 12. b3 Qxd1 13. Rfxd1 Rad8 14. Rdc1 Nd4 15 .Ne1 Rd6 16. Kf1 g6 17. Rd1 Rfd8 18. f3 Kg7 19. Kf2 h5 20. Ne2

20... Nc6 21. Nc3 Nd4 22. Ne2 Nc6 23. Nc3 Nd4 Game drawn

Skipper Bumrah leads the charge as India breaches Perth fortress

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
PERTH

Top dollars chased players in waves during the IPL auction at Saudi Arabia's Jeddah. But many summers down the line, if there is an enduring top-of-the-mind recall value for an epochal sporting Monday, it would obviously centre around India's 295-run triumph in the first Test here at the Optus Stadium.

To be bowled out for 150 and then to leap back and stun the host is never an easy task but Jasprit Bumrah and his men precisely did that as India leads the five-Test series 1-0. This was a miracle mounted on skills and sweat with Bumrah's spells being the missiles that breached the Australian fortress.

Yes, well begun is half done, but the truth is that India struggled to precisely do this for a long time in Australia. Sojourns Down Under were often about turning up and losing the battle. However, a welcome change in fortunes has happened over the last decade.

Counting the maiden 1947-48 series and the latest one, India has toured Australia on 14 occasions for Tests. Among all the first Tests in these visits, India lost 10, drew two and won two.

The maiden victory in a first Test in Australia was achieved in December 2018 when India prevailed by 31 runs at Adelaide. After that it was the turn of Bumrah's men to savour the latest win in a first Test in Australia.

On a high: Bumrah and Kohli were the key performers as India won at the Optus Stadium. ANI

Having claimed the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series during the tours of 2018-19 and 2020-21, a hat-trick seems possible. A remarkable turnaround for a unit that ate humble pie in its backyard against the visiting New Zealanders.

Credit has to be granted to captain Bumrah, stepping in for an absent Rohit Sharma, and leading with aplomb both as a skipper and spearhead.

Debutants' impact

To bench R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja and to lean on debutants Harshit Rana and Nitish Kumar were choices that could have wavered between the genius-move and the banana-peel. To their credit, Harshit and Nitish, besides Washington Sundar, all contributed.

Harshit's spells, Nitish's handy runs and the all-round traits he brings to the table like the ones that Washington has, were all part of India's winning tapestry. But bowlers need runs to back them before they get to the business of nailing 20 wickets to seize a Test. And after an anaemic first innings, runs were provided in surplus during a second outing that saw Yashasvi Jaiswal (161), K.L. Rahul (77) and Virat Kohli (100 n.o.) prospering at the crease.

Chasing 534 in the last innings of a Test is a gargantuan task and Australia wilted despite the counter-punch by Travis Head. Bumrah's overall yield of eight wickets, and the back-up he got from Mohammed Siraj and the rest, kept Australia under a leash.

In a near-perfect outing, there were the odd blemishes. India conceded 15 no-balls and six wides through the game. If this was a contest of narrow margins, these sundries would have hurt.

Now with Rohit back in the fold, India will look ahead to the twin 'day-and-night' challenges that awaits, be it the warm-up fixture against the Prime Minister's XI at Canberra (on November 30 and December 1) or the second Test at Adelaide from December 6.

Of sky-high bids and inflated price tags

IPL AUCTION

Amol Karhadkar
JEDDAH

For the franchises, it's about struggling to come up with the most suitable combination in quest of the glittering trophy.

But for a majority of the fans, the Indian Premier League's annual money-spinning gala - the player auction - is mostly about following the price tags.

While the debate over the most balanced squad will continue till the IPL 2025 starts next year, the anticipation of the auction being the grandest in terms of price tags came true over the two days at the Abadi Al Johar Arena.

It wasn't only about Rishabh Pant (₹27 crore) and Shreyas Iyer (₹26.75 crore) fetching the two highest bids ever but even the number of successful ₹10 crore-plus bids have nearly doubled from the last auction.

In Jeddah, a whopping 21 players fetched a price equal to or higher than ₹10 crore. During the last big auction in 2022 in Bengaluru, the number was 11.

The fact that the auction purse went up from ₹90 crore to ₹120 crore from 2022 to 2025 played a role. But the bids going through the roof also signified that the demands made by certain cricketers before entering the auction were not unjust.

It is understood that the player pool became the most high-profile this time around due to certain franchises feeling a few players were demanding an amount that was way above their market price. But once the players threw their hat into the auction ring, the values just soared higher than anticipated.

"The purse overall, when you include the match fees that have come in, has gone up by over 33 per cent. That's a massive jump in the overall salaries to players across the board, so it's amazing for Indian cricket," said Jake Lush McCrum, the Rajasthan Royals chief executive.

Huge potential

"It's amazing for the future generations seeing this potential and, of course, the price is gonna rise when the overall purses rise. I don't think there is a surprise in terms of the overall growth in high-value players.

"Whether we were expecting a 25 crore-plus player, it was significant, but you understand when it's a captain as well and such an experienced Indian player, you get what franchises are willing to spend that much because of the scarcity."

Having said all that, a player's worth doesn't necessarily reflect his value at the auction table.

It's time for the fans to turn their attention towards analysing the squads rather than focus only on price tags!

Suryavanshi — living a royal dream

Vivek Krishnan
INDORE

He isn't old enough to exercise the right to vote. He isn't old enough to drive. He doesn't have a strand of facial hair yet.

But it turns out that Vaibhav Suryavanshi, at 13 years and 243 days, is old enough to turn heads and spark a bidding war in an IPL mega auction. That happened towards the end of the two-day auction in Jeddah on Monday, as Delhi Capitals and Rajasthan Royals engaged in a battle to land the services of a boy whose base price was ₹30 lakh. The latter prevailed by shelling out ₹1.1 crore for the left-hand batter from Bihar.

This is the sort of fairy tale that any cricket-mad kid in India would dream about. He seems to have the talent alongside to have turned this into reality. It is frankly astounding that Suryavanshi, born on March 27, 2011, will turn 14 when the IPL's 18th edition kicks off in the summer of 2025.

The wunderkind: The 13-year-old Suryavanshi sparked a bidding war at the auction. FILE PHOTO: R. RAGU

And even at such a young age, it's not as though Suryavanshi has sprung up out of nowhere. In January this year, he garnered headlines when he made his Ranji Trophy debut for Bihar against Mumbai aged 12, becoming one of the youngest to feature in the First Class competition's 90-year history.

In September and October, he was fast-tracked to play for India U-19 in two four-day matches against Australia U-19. In the first game in Chennai, he plundered a 58-ball century. He is currently with the India U-19 team in the UAE for the Asia Cup.

While Suryavanshi's acquisition by Royals was still surprising to many, his coach, Manish Ojha, was fully expecting the teen to attract some interest. That Rajasthan, a franchise known to groom youngsters, was the one to back Suryavanshi to the hilt is a welcome bonus.

"It may have been unexpected for others, but personally, I was convinced that he will be acquired and at a good price tag. The fact that he has been picked and will play in the IPL is a very big thing," Ojha, a former Ranji Trophy player for Bihar and Jharkhand, told *The Hindu*.

As Ojha recalls the start of their association, it becomes clear why Suryavanshi was a wunderkind destined for a steep rise.

"It was in 2018 or 2019 that he joined my academy in Patna," said Ojha. "He was so small that when he used to face a sidearm throwdown, the ball would bounce over his head. But he used to take practice very seriously and be at it every day. A normal kid at any academy bats a maximum 100 balls at a net session. But he would face 400-500 balls in every session. The elegance and talent was inborn. We just honed it."

INBRIEF

Napoli fans and club officials pay tribute to Maradona

Napoli fans and club officials paid tribute to Diego Maradona on the fourth anniversary of his death, flocking to murals of the Argentina great around Naples on Monday. Napoli coach Antonio Conte, captain Giovanni Di Lorenzo and president Aurelio De Laurentiis laid flowers at two of the murals, while fans gathered below the huge mural of Maradona in the Quartieri Spagnoli that acts as an unofficial museum to Maradona. Maradona led Napoli to its first two Serie A titles in 1987 and 1990 and the club's stadium was renamed Stadio Diego Armando Maradona upon his death.

West Indies eases to 201-run victory to go 1-0 up

West Indies defeated Bangladesh by 201 runs on Tuesday in Antigua to win the first Test wrapping up a quick victory when Shoriful Islam was forced to retire hurt.

The scores: West Indies 450/9 decl. & 152 in 46.1 overs (Athanaze 42; Taskin 6/64) bt Bangladesh 269/9 decl. & 132/9 in 38 overs (Mehidy 45, Roach 3/20, Seales 3/45). **PoM**: Greaves

Saim's century takes Pakistan to win over Zimbabwe

Saim Ayub hammered a swashbuckling century as Pakistan made short work of a modest target to defeat Zimbabwe by 10 wickets and square the three match One-Day International series at Bulawayo on Tuesday.

The scores: Zimbabwe 145 in 32.3 overs (Abrar 4/33) lost to Pakistan 148/0 in 18.2 overs (Saim 113 n.o.).

Confident India takes on Thailand in its opener

A confident India, coached by P.R. Sreejesh, will start as favourite when it takes on Thailand in its opening match of Junior Asia Cup men's hockey tournament in Muscat on Wednesday. India is in Pool-A along with Korea, Japan, Chinese Taipei and Thailand. The teams in Pool-B are Pakistan, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Oman, and China. India has won the tournament a record four times – 2004, 2008, 2015 and 2023. It defeated Pakistan 2-1 in the final last year. After the opener against Thailand, India will play Japan on November 28, followed by Chinese Taipei on Nov. 30. It's last group match against Korea is for Dec. 1.

GM agrees deal to enter F1 with Cadillac in 2026

General Motors plans to enter Formula One with its Cadillac brand in 2026 after announcing on Monday an agreement in principle with the Liberty Media-owned sport. Hailing a landmark move to become the 11th team on the starting grid, the carmaker said it had also registered with the governing FIA as a power unit manufacturer to become a full works outfit by the end of the decade. It will be the first new team since USA-owned Haas debuted in 2016 and GM the sixth engine maker after Audi, Ferrari, Honda, Mercedes and Red Bull/ Ford.

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY — THIRD ROUND FIXTURES

Group-A: Rajkot: Bengal vs Mizoram (9 a.m.), Hyderabad vs Rajasthan (11 a.m.), Bihar vs Meghalaya (1.30 p.m.), Madhya Pradesh vs Punjab (4.30 p.m.)
Group-B: Indore: Gujarat vs Tripura (9 a.m.), Karnataka vs Saurashtra (11 a.m.), Sikkim vs Uttarakhand (1.30 p.m.), Baroda vs Tamil Nadu (4.30 p.m.)
Group-C: Mumbai: Manipur vs Uttar Pradesh (9 a.m.), Himachal Pradesh vs Jharkhand (11 a.m.), Arunachal Pradesh vs Jammu & Kashmir (1.30 p.m.), Delhi vs Haryana (4.30 p.m.)
Group-D: Visakhapatnam: Chhattisgarh vs Railways (11 a.m.), Assam vs Chandigarh (4.30 p.m.); **Vizianagaram:** Vidarbha vs Pondicherry (11 a.m.)
Group-E: Hyderabad: Andhra vs Goa (11 a.m.), Kerala vs Nagaland (11 a.m.), Maharashtra vs Mumbai (4.30 p.m.).

LIVE TELECAST

SMAT: JioCinema, 9 a.m. onwards
South Africa vs Sri Lanka: 1st Test, day 1, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 1 p.m.
Chess: World Championship, Chessbase India YouTube channel, 2.30 p.m. onwards
ISL: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 7.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11.15 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)
Football: Conference League: Sony LIV, 9 p.m.
New Zealand vs England: 1st Test, day 1, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 a.m. (Thursday)

'IPL auction will help us implement a lot of our plans down the line'

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INTERVIEW

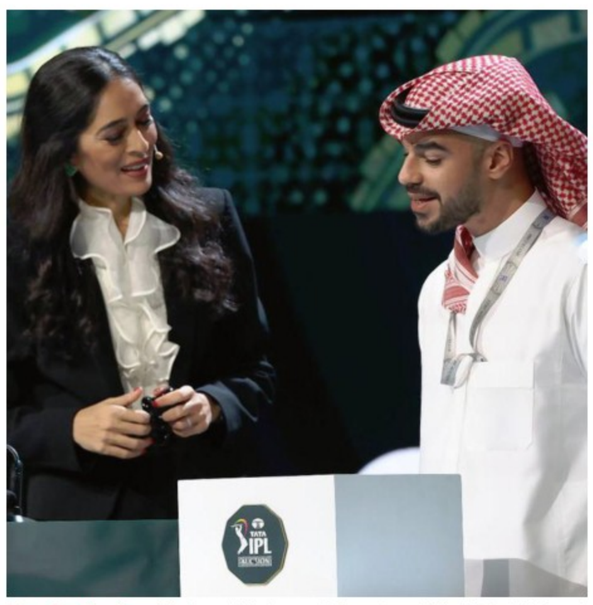
Prince Saud bin Mishal Al-Saud

Amol Karhadkar
JEDDAH

"Why are all of us here for the auction?" The corridors of the plush hotel, with a view of the Red Sea on one side and the Formula One racing track on the other that hosted the IPL's 18th Player Auction, were abuzz with this chatter over the last three days.

Was it just an extension of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's move to open its doors to the rest of the world through sport? Does it mean IPL matches will soon be held in the country that barely has a cricketing culture? Or is Saudi Arabia planning to invest in the IPL or start its own parallel league?

When *The Hindu* caught up with Prince Saud bin Mishal Al-Saud, the chairman of the Saudi Arabia Cricket Federation (SACF), at the end of the Player Auction at the Abadi Al Johar Arena, we asked him all things related to it. *Excerpts*



New beginning: His Royal Highness Prince Saud Bin Mishal Al Saud Chairman, Saudi Arabian Cricket Federation, with auctioneer Mallika Sagar. SPORTZPICS/IPL

What will hosting the IPL Auction bring to cricket in Saudi Arabia?

It will bring a lot, actually. It's a massive event. It will help us implement a lot of our plans down the line. Hosting it would not have been possible without the big support from the Government and Mr. Jay (Shah, the BCCI secretary). It's just the beginning of many big events that are coming to the Kingdom.

Should we expect major cricketing international events to be held in Saudi Arabia soon?

Yes, we have infrastructure plans down the line for 2025. Once it's done, we will start hosting matches and tournaments.

Can you share the status of the big international stadium that is being planned?

We are discussing it with the Jeddah state office and we will announce it soon.

Are there any plans about hosting the IPL in Jeddah going forward?

Maybe. If the discussion goes well with the leadership of the IPL, why not!

What is the state of cricket in Saudi Arabia?

We have a lot of pitches, not international standard. We have more than 470 teams, almost 18,000 players and 13 cities in the Kingdom (that play cricket regularly). Along with six domestic programmes we do all over the Kingdom as well, from grass-root programmes to talent hunts in every region.

Can you spell out the details about the future plans of SACF?

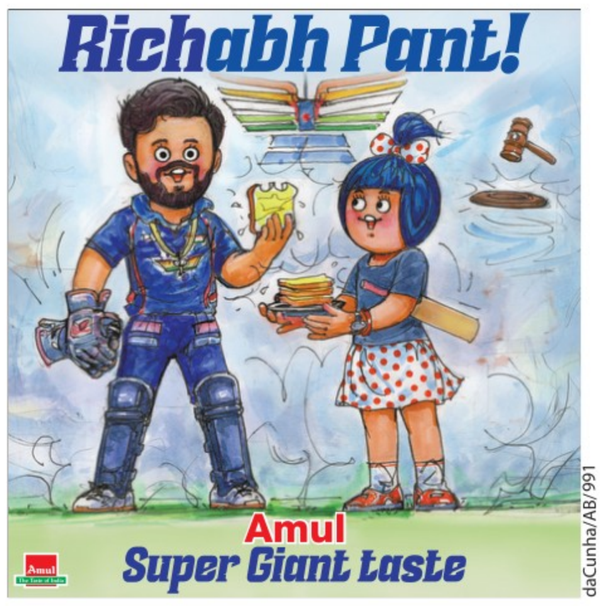
Yes, we are speaking about a professional league. Conversation is developing with many entities here in the Kingdom and we will announce it soon.

Is an international league being planned in Saudi Arabia?

No, it is not true.

Is it true that Saudi Arabia authorities want to invest in IPL?

That is not true as well.



West Ham stuns Newcastle

On target: Wan-Bissaka scored a rare goal for West Ham. GETTY IMAGES

PREMIER LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
NEWCASTLE

West Ham produced a clinical away performance to beat resurgent Newcastle 2-0 in the Premier League on Monday, easing the pressure on beleaguered manager Julen Lopetegui.

Tomas Soucek headed the visitors in front against the run of play and Aaron Wan-Bissaka grabbed a rare goal in the second half to double Hammers' lead.

Newcastle was unable to capitalise on the chances they created, failing to build on the momentum created by recent wins against Arsenal and Nottingham Forest. The result, West Ham's second win on the road this season, lifts it to 15 points, three behind 10th-placed Newcastle.

The result:
Newcastle 0 lost to West Ham 2 (Soucek 10, Wan-Bissaka 53).

Mohammedan SC faces high-ranking Bengaluru

ISL

Y. B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Bengaluru FC will seek to improve its record against debutant sides, while Mohammedan SC will try to record its maiden win at home when the two teams meet for the first time ever in the Indian Super League (ISL) on Wednesday.

One of the bottom rankers, Mohammedan – placed 12th with five points – will rely on Zodingliana Ralte's assists to break through the Bengaluru defence, led by Rahul Bheke.

The Gerard Zaragoza-coached team, in second place after recording five victories and two draws and tying on 17 points with the top-placed Mohun Bagan Super Giant, will be guided by Sunil Chhetri.

Both sides drew their previous matches and will be keen to taste a win.

The biggest challenge for Mohammedan, which has conceded four goals in the opening 15 minutes of its matches, will be to overcome its slow start against Bengaluru.

The visiting side has scripted some fine starts and has re-grouped following a short break that included a week's training.

Fly Rahul fly! Bheke will look to make his presence felt when BFC takes on Mohammedan SC. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Satwiksairaj-Chirag duo withdraws from Syed Modi International

BADMINTON

Sports Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Indian challenge at the Syed Modi International Super 300 badminton tournament suffered a setback with former World No. 1 pair and firm favourites for the title – Chirag Shetty and R. Satwiksairaj – withdrawing on the opening day on Tuesday.

The duo was scheduled to face the Chinese pair of Chen Xu Jun and Guo Ruo Han in the opening round of the $210,000 event but decided to give a walkover.

P.V. Sindhu will hope to find comfort in familiar surroundings as she targets a third title here.

She will be up against talented youngster Anmol Kharb.

The others in the main draw include World No. 36 Malvika Bansod, seeded second, and Aakarshi Kashyap in what is a depleted field after several withdrawals.

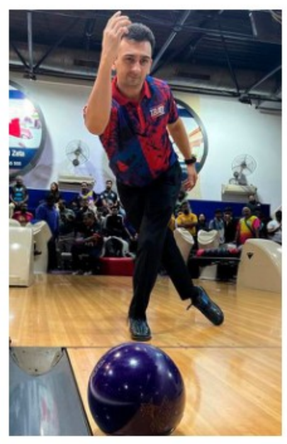
In the men's section, Lakshya Sen will begin his title challenge against Malaysian qualifier Sholeh Aidil. He will be keen to answer questions on his mental toughness.

Not 100%: Satwiksairaj, left, is yet to fully recover from the shoulder injury, forcing Chirag and him to pull out.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Dhruv Sarda on top
Dhruv Sarda of Delhi shot to the top at the end of two blocks of six games each in the first round of the ARC 33rd National tenpin bowling championships. The former national champion finished with a total pinfall of 2339 and was followed by Maharashtra's Shujjat Ali Khan (2302) and Telangana's Md. Afsar (2271). Women bowlers will start their campaign on Wednesday.

Debraj sizzles
Debraj Nandi's all-round effort (44 & 4/8) helped DPS South defeat St. Joseph's IHS by 122 runs in the B.T. Ramaiah Shield (under-14) first division cricket tournament.
The scores: DPS, South 251/9 in 50 overs (Debraj Nandi 44, Hannan Zaki Ahmad 76, Samarth Rathish 52, H.N. Samarth 3/49) bt St. Joseph's IHS 129/9 in 50 overs (P. Yateesh 59, Debraj Nandi 4/8).
DPS, East 251/7 in 49 overs (V. Niraj 35, Hritvik Mishra 47, Krishna 81, Ramnath Nayak 25 n.o., Ayush Barath 3/59) bt Gopalan National 46 in 16.2 overs (Kaushik Neergunda 3/16, Ramnath Nayak 4/3).
BGS NPS 205 in 46.3 overs (Vedanth Vedanarayanan 52, Thanav Abhishek 28, J. Sai Rochan 36, Shaunak Vellalore 4/39, D. Ekaansh 3/35) lost to Jain Heritage 206/9 in 49.4 overs (Aarya Raj 105 n.o., B.S. Jashith 4/35).
Frank Anthony PS 336/7 in 50 overs (Mohammed Umair 141, Vivaan Balamahesh 77, Harshith Raja 55, Aditya Nagaraj Gorthi 4/43) bt Sri Kumaran Children's Home 140/7 in 50 overs (Samar Modhe 44).
St. Joseph's BHS 268/6 in 50 overs (Prabhav Pydah 47, S.M. Bhavith 36, Aarav Bajaj 61, M. Lakshmi Narayan 39, Aniket Chaturvedi 3/55) lost to Vidyashilp Academy 271/2 in 43.4 overs (Anjaney Gupta 115, Panshul Sharma 104 n.o.).
Ebenezer IS 144 in 38.4 overs (Amruth Anil 29 n.o., Soumith Kongara 3/50, Skanda Subbaiah 3/31, Jeevan 3/11) lost to Max Muller HS 145/1 in 19.1 overs (Nitish Arya 109 n.o.).
DPS, North 151 in 41.2 overs (Amogh Srinivas 59, Sanket Kodekal Math 3/21, Aaryan Nagesh 4/28) lost to Presidency, R.T. Nagar 152/1 in 33.5 overs (Niranjan Ashok 82 n.o., Mansoor Javed Eroor 34 n.o.).
Holy Saint ES 229/3 in 50 overs (Anirudh M. Bangera 32, B. Amol Pai 89 n.o., Rudra Vishwas Deolekar 67 n.o.) bt School Of India 97 in 37.5 overs (Aniketh Kaushik Kundapur 29, Karanveer Raj Singh 30, Swayam Shabadi 3/12).



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Tanshh and Athreya crack double centuries
Big double centuries from M. Tanshh Krishna (228) and Athreya Bhat (227 n.o.) helped The Sports School thrash Giridhanva School by 481 runs in the B.T. Ramaiah Shield (under-14) second division cricket tournament.
The scores: The Sports School 507/2 in 50 overs (M. Tanshh Krishna 228, Athreya Bhat 227 n.o.) bt Giridhanva 26 in 11.1 overs (Kuntamukkula Rithvik 3/5).
Vibgyor High, Marathahalli 175 in 45.5 overs (Arush Banerjee 56, D.C. Surya 4/33) bt KLE Society's 153 in 37.3 overs (Neil Vijay Kumar 93, Shourya 3/38, Kaushal Sandeep Raje 3/24).
BGS International 238 in 41.5 overs (Hrishikesh Avinash 89, Aadrit 27, Siddharth Malu 5/39) bt Sri Aurobindo Memorial, CBSE 121 in 35.4 overs (Krishna Keshav Hebbar 39, Patel Preet Jigneshbhai 3/8).
Sri Kumaran Children's Academy 76 in 34.5 overs (G. Basawatarun Patil 3/7) bt Jyothy Kendriya Vidyalaya 52 in 21.3 overs (Arnav 4/22, Parth Sharma 4/12).
Florence PS 28 in 16.1 overs (Y. Gagan 4/7, Narayan Singh Dadhwal 4/2) lost to Poorna Vikasa Vidyalaya 29/1 in 3.1 overs.
Holy Cross 64 in 28.3 overs (Pratham R. Gowda 3/10, V. Sumukha 3/5) lost to Vidyaniketan PS, CBSE 68/4 in 14.2 overs.
St. Francis, ICSE 273/9 in 50 overs (R. Shashank Bhardwaj 38, V. Naga Vikram Rao 66, B.G. Kavin Mukish 26, Aryan Rajesh Nayak 41, Vignesh Subhramaniyan 38, Advik Kadidal 3/36) bt Mallya Aditi IS 48 in 15 overs (Vignesh Subhramaniyan 6/18).
Vidyaniketan 178 in 42.5 overs (S.N. Avaneesha 95, Ved Nahar 26, Vihaan Darshan Payappanavar 3/40, Mohammed Zain 4/32) bt St. Paul's ES 130 in 32.4 overs (Vihaan Darshan Payappanavar 54, B.S. Kshiteesh 3/18, Yug Pratap Bansal 3/9).

Young Orions, MNK Rao and Bangalore Sporting triumph
Young Orions, MNK Rao BC and Bangalore Sporting BC won the State A, B and C-division basketball titles respectively on Tuesday.
The results: Finals: A-div.: Young Orions 75 (M. Aaron 30, Pratyanshu 17) bt Bank of Baroda 64 (Arvind 15, Kartikeyan 13).
B-div.: MNK Rao 88 (Ajin 34, Faaz 25) bt KSP 84 (Abhishek Gowda 28, Nikhil 16).
C-div.: Bangalore Sporting 60 (Surendra 15, Ayush 13) bt Mandya District 59 (Shashank Raj 18, Shashank Gowda 17).

Brace by Shamil
P. Mohammed Shamil scored a brace as Infinite Belagavi FC edged out South India FC 2-1 in the BDFA B-division league on Tuesday.
The results: Technico 3 (Mohammed Azeem 45, Pwilao Brahma 15, Geelong Chong Raju 70+3) bt Veterans 0; Infinite Belagavi 2 (P. Mohammed Shamil 20, 41) bt South India 1 (Josh Jaokin Lakra 4); Postal Dept. 3 (Om Prakash 33, Vijayakumar 39, Anush Kumar 65) bt Royals 1 (Deepen Mohara 9).

IISC Gymkhana Club posts win
IISC Gymkhana Club defeated Friends Hockey Club, Kalburgi 2-1 in the KSHA C-division hockey league championship on Tuesday.